# KU Academic Forum: In Celebration of the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kasetsart University "Higher Education and Sustainable Development: Facing Realities and Implementing Change"

### Schedule

# Monday, February 3, 2020 - Forum

Sutham Areekul Hall, Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center, Kasetsart University

08.30 - 09.00Registration 09.00 - 09.30**Opening Ceremony**  Welcoming remarks President Chongrak Wachrinrat, Kasetsart University, Thailand **Opening Address** Chairman Krissanapong Kirtikara, Kasetsart University Council, Thailand - Souvenir presentation and group photo session KEYNOTE 1: Higher Education and Global Sustainability Challenges 09.30 - 10.00Director Eiji Nawata, Kyoto University ASEAN Center, Thailand **KEYNOTE 2: Educating Global Citizens for Sustainable Development** 10.00 - 10.30Director Pihla Meskanen, Arkki Institute, Finland 10.30 - 11.00Refreshments 11.00 - 12.30PANEL SESSION 1: Changing roles of Universities in Providing Education on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Since 2015 the United Nations have proposed a collection of Sustainable Development Goals to be achieved by 2030. These goals intend to end poverty and hunger; promote good health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, peace, justice, and strong institutions; provide clean water, sanitation and affordable energy; build economic growth based on decent work, strong infrastructure, inclusive sustainable industries, cities and communities; foster innovation, responsible consumption and production; protect the climate and animals; and strengthen global partnerships to achieve the aforementioned goals. In 2020 the sectors involved should revisit what they have implemented during the last five years. Universities, as part of the education sector, also need to consider the extent to which they have adjusted themselves to provide education to meet these goals.

## Issues & Questions:

- How can universities be more engaged in providing education on SDGs?
- What strategies, policies and plans have universities employed to integrate, embed and implemented SDGs in their education?

Chairperson: Vice Dean Udomluk Koolsriroj, Faculty of Education, Kasetsart University, Thailand

Panelists: (20 minutes each)

- 1) Director Lloyd Amoah, Asian Studies Center, University of Ghana, Ghana
- 2) Director Mark Anderson, the Europe Office, Glasglow Caledonian University, UK
- 3) Professor Vinayagum Chinapah, Stockholm University, Sweden
- 12.30 13.30 Lunch

(SDGs)

- 13.30 14.00 KEYNOTE 3: The Role of Universities in Co-creating Urban Sustainability

  Dean Rickey Yada, Faculty of Land and Food Systems, University of British Columbia,

  Canada
- 14.00 14.30 KEYNOTE 4: The Role of Universities in Enhancing Food Security and Rural development

  Director Kyoung-Woong Kim, International Environmental Research Institute, Gwangju

  Institute of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea
- 14.30 15.00 Refreshments
  15.00 16.30 PANEL SESSION 2: Research and Innovation to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals

In the era of SDGs, research, innovations, and technological advancements are needed for enhancing the overall sustainability of five elements, which are People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership. Universities are inevitably committed to producing internationally significant research with advanced and sustainable outputs and improving the global environment and community as a whole. This year it is also essential for academics and university leaders to prioritize their work and track their progress towards goal achievement.

#### Issues & Questions:

- Which SDGs are considered critical that universities need to prioritize?
- What kinds of research and innovation are essential for supporting SDGs?

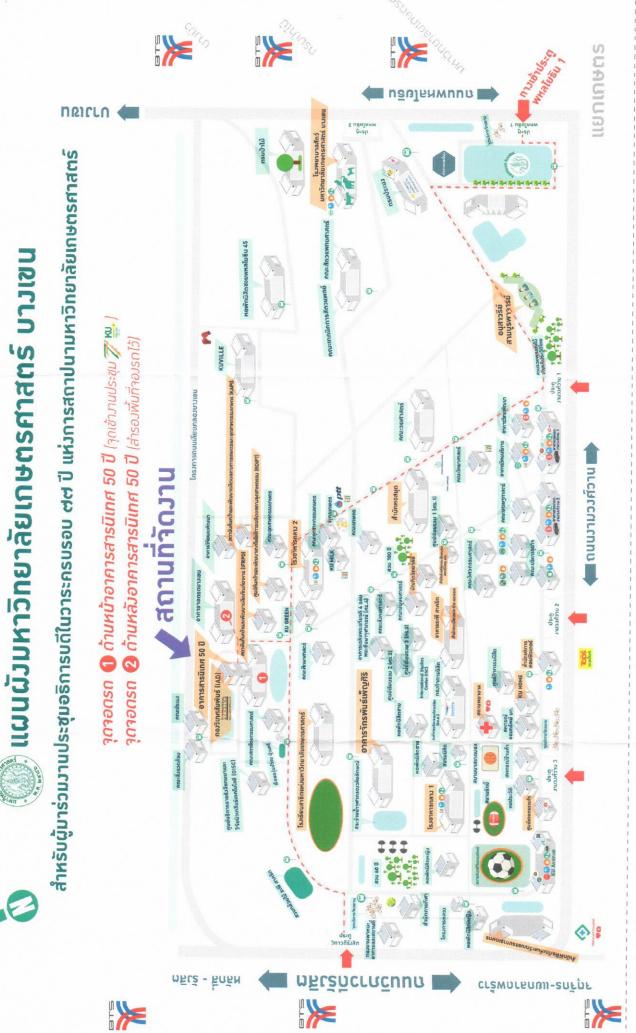
Chairperson: Dean Sutkhet Nakasathien, Faculty of Agriculture, Kasetsart University,

Thailand

Panelists: (20 minutes each)

- 1) Rector Arif Satria, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia
- 2) Dean Pomin Li, Office of International Affairs, National Pintung University of Science and Technology, Taiwan
- 3) Professor Bart Lambregts, Faculty of Architecture, Kasetsart University, Thailand

16.30 – 16.45 Forum Closing: Students' Perspectives and Voices on SDGs





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