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UNU Strategy to Promote ESD (ESD Programme at UNU-IAS)

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Launched in 2003 as UNU response to DESD
5 major activity areas are:
1. Advocacy and dissemination of ESD and DESD;
2. Promotion of Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD (RCEs) and their networking;
3. Strengthening of ESD activities of higher education institutions;
4. Further development of on-line learning for ESD;
5. Training of teachers and trainers on ESD

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ProSPER.Net:

- **Pro**motion of **S**ustainability in **P**ostgraduate **E**ducation and **R**esearch

- Network of Higher Education Institutions in Asia and the Pacific Region committed to integrate Sustainable Development (SD) into postgraduate courses and curricula

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- 2007
  - 19-20 November: "Meeting of Heads of Higher Education Institutions in Asia-Pacific on Postgraduate Sustainable Development Education and Research" (UNU-IAS, Yokohama)
- 2008
  - 5-6 March: ProSPER.Net Research Meeting (UNU-IAS, Yokohama)

  - 19 June: Joint Activity Meeting (Hokkaido University, Sapporo)
  - 20 June: First General Assembly, First Board Meeting
  - 21 June 2008: Launching ceremony in conjunction with Hokkaido University's Sustainability Weeks 2008
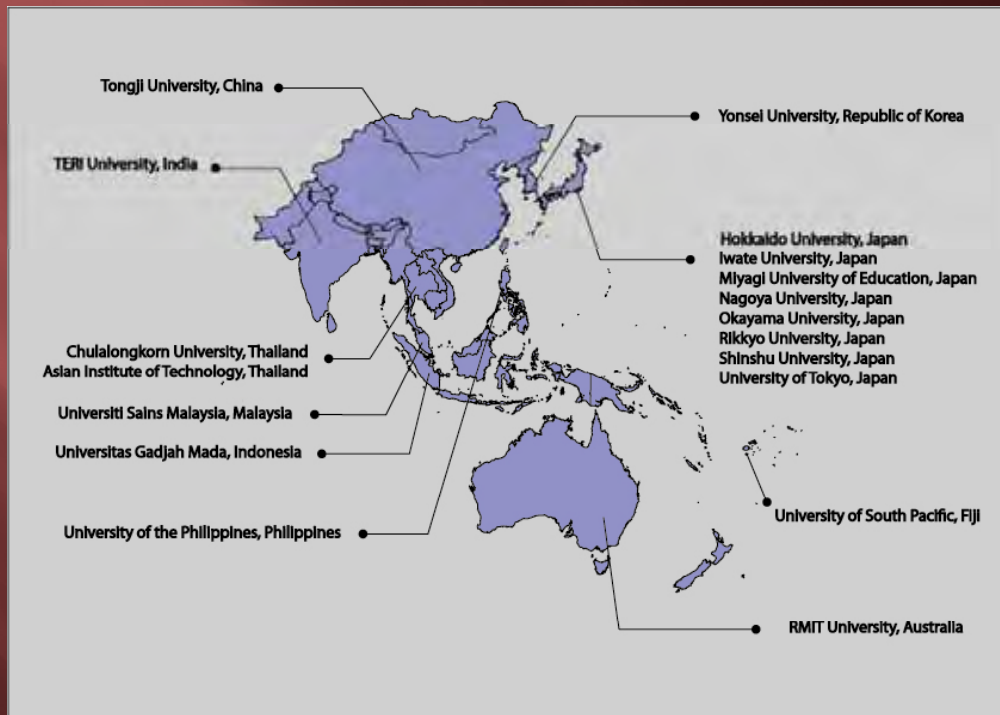
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ProSPER.Net Members

Background (cont'd)

- 2008:
  - 4 November: Second Board Meeting (AIT, Bangkok)
  - 5 November: Workshop "Integrating Social Business & CSR into Business Curricula"

- 2009
  - 3rd ProSPER.Net Board Meeting (2 June 2009)
  - 2nd ProSPER.Net General Assembly (3 June 2009)
  - Young Scientist Award Symposium (3 June 2009)
  - Building Sustainability into Business Education Symposium (4-5 June 2009)

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Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

- Knowledge providers
- Source of inspirations for schools
- Providers of learning spaces
- Undertakers of intellectual inquiries (research)
- Have the ability to assume a leadership by example role in the education sector

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Networking of HEIs

- A strategic tool to optimize utilization of resources (material and knowledge) for the common goal of members:
  - Learning from each other
  - Sharing of resources
  - Collaborating joint activities

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Working with Existing Networks in the Region

- UNU RCE ➡ network of various ESD Stakeholders
- UNU API ➡ online learning
- UNEP RUC ➡ focus on China
- UNESCO ESD-NET ➡ network of teacher training institutions

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UNU-IAS ProSPER.NET ➡ Networking of HEIs for integrating sustainability paradigm in postgraduate education and research

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Proposed Joint Activities

1. Promotion of graduate students' engagement with SD issues
2. Faculty and teacher training
3. Training of government officials
4. SD and business schools
5. Case studies on SD
6. Mapping of sustainability issues in higher education
7. Community engagement
8. Summer schools for master's and doctoral students
9. Faculty collaboration

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Prioritised Joint Activities

1. Curriculum development and delivery of the school of public policy and SD:
    1. Lead institution: TERI University
    2. Partners: University of Tokyo, USM, AIT, USP, Tongji University
2. SD integration in business school curricula
    1. Lead institution: AIT
    2. Partners: Shinshu University, Yonsei University, USM, UGM
3. Training on SD for educators and researchers
    1. Lead institution: USM
    2. Partners: Hokkaido University, University of Tokyo, AIT, TERI, Yonsei University

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Prospective Joint Activities

1. Summer Schools on Sustainable Development
2. Integrating Sustainability into Engineering Schools
3. Alternative University Appraisal

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ProSPER.Net Scopus Young Scientist Award

- Created to be annually given to young scientists or researchers based in the Asia-Pacific region, who have made significant contributions in the field of sustainable development
- For 2008-2009, awards will be given in each of the three areas:
  - Business
  - Engineering and Technology
  - Agriculture and Natural Sciences
- Candidates should be employed by HEIs in the Asia-Pacific region
- Applications will be evaluated by an international panel of three recognised experts in sustainable development from the relevant areas

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