



ASIAN graduate studies summit



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2025 ASIAN graduate studies summit

MAY 21 - 24, 2025 | HO CHI MINH CITY UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION

theme:

Bridging Knowledge to Action:
Transformative Graduate Education and Research
for a Sustainable Asia



Rationale

The Asia-Pacific region faces multifaceted challenges ranging from rapid urbanization and climate change to socio-economic inequalities and digital transformation. These issues demand solutions that are both innovative and actionable, grounded in robust research, and implemented through cross-sectoral collaboration. Graduate education and research occupy a pivotal role in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical implementation. By equipping scholars with the tools to develop integrative solutions, the region can address pressing challenges while advancing its progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The **Asian Graduate Studies Summit (A-GRASS) 2025**, with the theme "**Bridging Knowledge to Action: Transformative Graduate Education and Research for a Sustainable Asia**," seeks to provide a platform for graduate students, educators, and researchers across disciplines to exchange insights and foster collaborations. Hosted in the dynamic city of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, this summit aims to catalyze the transition from academic inquiry to actionable solutions, underscoring the role of graduate education as a driver of sustainable development in Asia.

Objectives

1. To provide a multidisciplinary platform for graduate students and researchers to share innovative research that addresses regional and global sustainability challenges.
2. To foster collaborations between academia, industry, and policymakers to enhance the practical impact of graduate research.
3. To explore strategies for integrating sustainability into graduate curricula and research agendas, fostering a generation of socially responsible and globally competent scholars.
4. To highlight best practices and case studies demonstrating the successful application of graduate research to real-world challenges.
5. To inspire a culture of interdisciplinary dialogue and regional cooperation for sustainable development in Asia and beyond.



Sub-Themes:

The sub-themes are carefully selected to represent a wide array of disciplines while retaining a cohesive focus on sustainable development. They offer a framework for scrutinizing specific SDGs in depth, allowing for a comprehensive exploration that transcends disciplinary boundaries.

1. **No Poverty and Zero Hunger:** Analyzing interdisciplinary approaches to poverty eradication and food security within the ASIAN region, through the lens of economics, agriculture, and social policy.

- a) Sociological and philosophical approaches to poverty alleviation
- b) Class conflict and Social Stratification
- c) Econometrics
- d) Financial Development and Income Inequality
- e) Increasing Productivity of Small-Scale Farms
- f) Job creation
- g) Economic Diversification
- h) Agricultural Systems
- i) Natural resources systems
- j) Social Systems
- k) Others

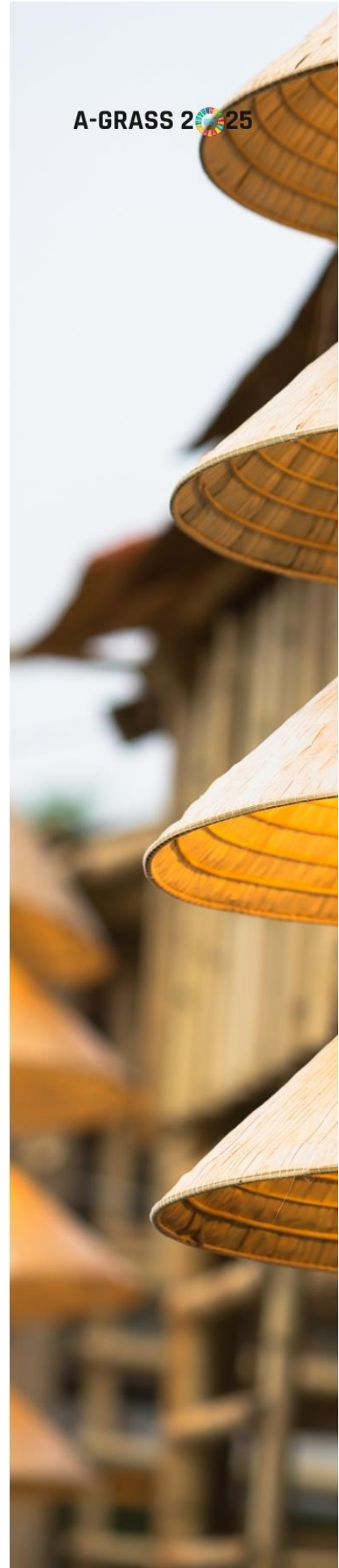
2. **Good Health and Well-being:** Merging medical research, public health, and healthcare policy to address critical health issues and disparities in the region.

- a) Ethics in Human Experimentation
- b) Medical Ethics and AI
- c) Human Cloning
- d) Food consumption
- e) Environmental Factors on Mental Health
- f) Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Anxiety Disorders
- g) Quality of Life
- h) Global Health
- i) Epidemics and Epidemiology
- j) Health and Sustainable Wellbeing
- k) Others



3. **Quality Education:** Investigating innovative models in education that align with SDG 4, by combining insights from pedagogy, educational technology, and policy analysis.
 - a. Teaching and Learning for Sustainable Future
 - b. Early Childhood Care and Education
 - c. Multilingual Education
 - d. Philosophy for Children
 - e. Online and Hybrid Education
 - f. Communication/Media Literacy
 - g. Culture and Arts Education
 - h. Literate Communities
 - i. Open and Distance Education
 - j. Future of Education
 - k. Pedagogy for Transformation
 - l. Global Citizenship Education
 - m. Education Management and Administration
 - n. Mathematics and Science Education
 - o. Others

4. **Climate Action and Life Below Water/Life on Land:** Focusing on environmental sciences, engineering, and policy to forge actionable strategies for climate resilience and biodiversity conservation.
 - a. Zero Carbon Footprint
 - b. Energy Conservation
 - c. Greenhouse Effect
 - d. Global Warming
 - e. Adaptation and Resiliency Studies
 - f. Climate change and human agency
 - g. AI and Dystopian Future
 - h. Governance and Ecology
 - i. Environmental Ethics
 - j. Environmental Policies
 - k. Anthropocene
 - l. Climate Change-Induced Hazards
 - m. Climate Change and Sustainability
 - n. Others



5. **Gender Equality:** An interdisciplinary dialogue between social sciences, law, and public policy to assess and improve gender equity in various societal aspects within ASIA.
 - a. Feminism
 - b. Eco-Feminism
 - c. Gender Equality
 - d. Sexism in Various Industries
 - e. LGBTQ++ and Gendered Orientations
 - f. Gender based violence
 - g. Women studies
 - h. Gender-sensitive, safe, and motivating environment
 - i. Gender and Youth
 - j. Othering
 - k. Genderqueer Narratives
 - l. Understanding Inequalities
 - m. Gender Politics
 - n. Others

6. **Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure:** Linking engineering, economics, and governance to create sustainable and innovative infrastructure solutions that drive inclusive growth.
 - a. Artificial Intelligence
 - b. Soft Infrastructures
 - c. Creative Industries
 - d. New Technologies
 - e. Innovation management, models, ecosystems
 - f. Open Innovation
 - g. Innovation and sustainability
 - h. ICT Industry Innovation
 - i. Future of Work
 - j. Bots, Robots, and Hackathons
 - k. Others

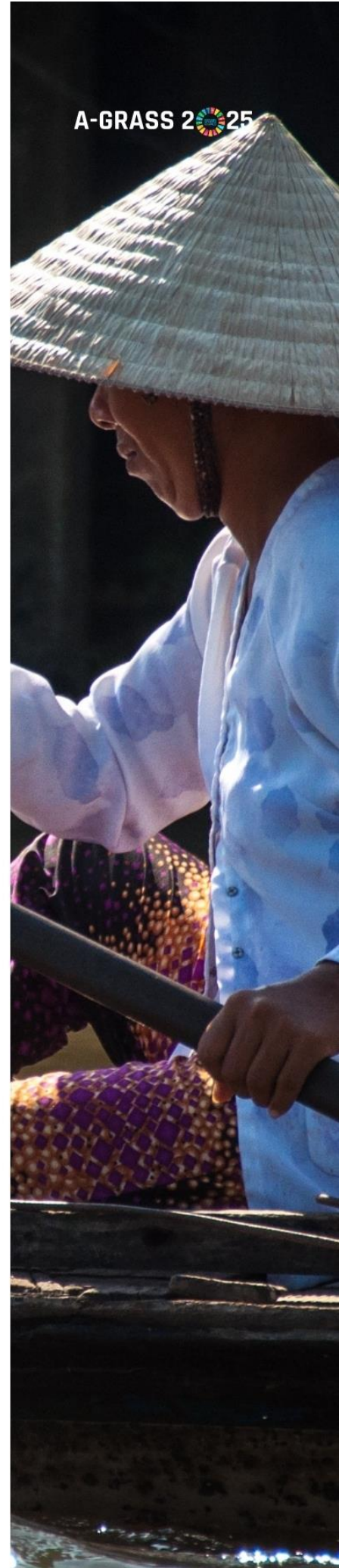
7. **Peace and Justice:** Incorporating perspectives from law, political science, and sociology to address issues related to justice, governance, and peacekeeping in the Asian region.
 - a. Social movements
 - b. Peace processes and peace accords



- c. Post-conflict peacebuilding and transitional justice mechanisms
 - d. AI Intelligence, social media, and political violence prevention
 - e. AI for Peace, Justice and Security
 - f. Post-conflict societies
 - g. Peace education
 - h. Restoring balance and harmony
 - i. Non-violence theory
 - j. Future of Environmental peace and conflict research
 - k. Others
8. **Partnerships for the Goals:** Examining the role of international cooperation, funding mechanisms, and policy integration in achieving the UN SDGs at a regional level.

By anchoring the Asia Graduate Studies Summit 2025 to the UN SDGs, the conference aims to serve as a catalyst for socially responsible academic research and professional development. This alignment provides a direction that is not just intellectually stimulating but also aligned with global priorities, thereby making a meaningful contribution to the betterment of society at both regional and global levels. The submitted and accepted papers for the summit will be classified on the five (5) major conference tracks:

- Business, Finance & Management
- Education (Early Childhood, Special, Basic, Technical-Vocational and Higher Education)
- Engineering & Technology
- Natural & Applied Sciences
- Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities





Conference Sessions

Aligned with the theme of the A-GRASS 2025 Summit, "Bridging Knowledge to Action: Transformative Graduate Education and Research for a Sustainable Asia," the following four topics are proposed for the plenary sessions:

1. **Transforming Graduate Education for Sustainable Development: Frameworks, Innovations, and Impact.** This session explores how graduate education can be reimagined to address sustainability challenges effectively. It emphasizes curriculum innovations, interdisciplinary research methodologies, and strategies for equipping graduates to lead sustainable transformations.
2. **Knowledge in Action: Bridging Academic Research with Policy and Practice.** Focusing on translating academic research into actionable policies and real-world applications, this session brings together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss successful models and the role of graduate research in shaping evidence-based solutions.

- 3. Technological Innovations for a Sustainable Asia: Opportunities and Ethical Considerations.** This session examines how emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and renewable energy solutions, can drive sustainability in Asia. It also addresses ethical concerns and equity issues in the application of these technologies.
- 4. Fostering Regional Collaboration: The Role of Graduate Research in Strengthening Asia-Pacific Networks.** This session underscores the importance of regional partnerships and collective efforts to achieve sustainable development goals. It highlights case studies of cross-border research collaborations and strategies for fostering a shared vision for sustainability in the Asia-Pacific region.

CONFERENCE PARTNERS



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The Summit is privileged to be organized by two esteemed academic entities: the **Asia-Pacific Consortium of Researchers and Educators (APCORE)** and **Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and Education (HCMUTE)**. The synergy created by this partnership combines extensive scholarly networks, disciplinary diversity, and geographical representation to enrich and elevate the academic discourse facilitated by the summit.

The Summit is honored to collaborate with an array of distinguished academic institutions and consortia, each of which brings its unique strengths, research focuses, and geographic representation to the summit. These partnerships serve to enhance the depth and breadth of the academic discourse facilitated by the conference, thereby enriching the summit's objectives and outcomes.

Target Participants of the A-GRASS 2025

The Asian Graduate Studies Summit 2025 aims to cultivate a diverse and inclusive scholarly environment conducive to interdisciplinary dialogue and collaborative research. The summit targets a broad spectrum of participants from various facets of the academic landscape. This diverse attendance is fundamental to accomplishing the summit's objectives, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Categories of Target Participants

- **Graduate School Administrators:** This category includes Deans, Department Heads, and Program Coordinators. Their participation is essential for the dissemination of best practices in graduate-level education and research, thereby influencing academic policies that align with the summit's objectives and the UN SDGs.

Key Contributions: Policy formulation, program enhancement, and institutional collaboration.

- **Faculty Members:** This group encompasses professors, lecturers, and researchers from a myriad of academic disciplines. Their involvement will bring theoretical rigor and empirical knowledge to the discussions and enhance the scholarly depth of the summit.

Key Contributions: Academic insights, pedagogical strategies, and mentorship for graduate research.

- **Graduate Students:** Representing the next generation of scholars, thinkers, and professionals, graduate students bring a fresh perspective and invigorating ideas to the summit.

Key Contributions: Dissemination of research findings, perspectives on emerging scholarly trends, and an opportunity for academic networking.

- Graduate Students with Completed and Ongoing Research Papers/Projects:**
 This specific sub-category of graduate students will contribute significantly to the summit's core activities, such as research presentations and poster sessions.

Key Contributions: Presentation of research that aligns with the summit's themes, facilitating discussions around empirical data, methodologies, and innovative solutions.

The summit encourages submissions and participation from across the Asian region and beyond to foster a multidisciplinary, multicultural, and multi-institutional environment. In doing so, the summit aims to align these varied perspectives within the framework of the UN SDGs, thereby encouraging scholarly discourse that is both globally relevant and regionally contextualized.

Tentative Program

Date	Activity
May 20, 2025	Travel Time, Hotel Billeting and Registration
May 21, 2025	Opening Ceremonies Partnership and MOU Signing Master Class Online Presentation
May 22, 2025	Keynote, Plenary and Paper Presentations
May 23, 2025	Plenary and Paper Presentations Awarding and Closing Ceremonies
May 24, 2025 (Optional)	Academic and University Visits Cultural Tour

Important Dates (Timeline):

Deadline of Abstract Submission	February 15, 2025
Deadline of Early Bird Payment	February 28, 2025
Deadline of Full Paper Submission	March 15, 2025
Deadline of Registration with Payment	March 20, 2025
Summit	May 21-24, 2025

Registration Fee

The *Asian Graduate Studies Summit 2025*, organized by the Asia-Pacific Consortium of Researchers and Educators (APCORE) in collaboration with Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and Education, has strategically designed a tiered registration fee structure. The pricing aims to encourage wide-ranging participation from diverse sectors of the academic community while providing value-added services and materials for both onsite and virtual participants.

Type of Registration		Amount	Inclusion
Onsite Registration with Accommodation	APCORE Member	USD 650	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-Night Hotel Accommodation with Breakfast • Lunch and Snacks • Welcome Dinner/Cultural Night • Conference Kit • Certificate of Presentation/Participation • Certificate of Engagement • Book of Abstracts • Conference Proceedings • Publication in the APCORE Online Journal
	APCORE Non-Member	USD 700	
Onsite Registration without Accommodation	APCORE Member	USD 500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch and Snacks • Welcome Dinner/Cultural Night • Conference Kit • Certificate of Presentation/Participation • Certificate of Engagement • Book of Abstracts • Conference Proceedings • Publication in the APCORE Online Journal
	APCORE Non-Member	USD 550	
Virtual Registration	APCORE Member	USD 40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Presentation/Participation • Certificate of Engagement • Book of Abstracts • Conference Proceedings
	APCORE Non-Member	USD 50	

Type of Registration	Amount	Inclusion
Early Bird Registration <i>Until February 28, 2025 only</i>	Onsite with Accommodation	USD 550 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-Night Hotel Accommodation with Breakfast • Lunch and Snacks • Welcome Dinner/Cultural Night • Conference Kit • Certificate of Presentation/Participation • Certificate of Engagement • Book of Abstracts • Conference Proceedings • Publication in the APCORE Online Journal of Proceedings
	Onsite without Accommodation	USD 450 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch and Snacks • Welcome Dinner/Cultural Night • Conference Kit • Certificate of Presentation/Participation • Certificate of Engagement • Book of Abstracts • Conference Proceedings • Publication in the APCORE Online Journal of Proceedings
	Virtual	USD 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Presentation/Participation • Certificate of Engagement • Book of Abstracts • Conference Proceedings

Summit Co-Organizer/Partnership Sponsorship Options

The *Asian Graduate Studies Summit 2025*, organized by the Asia-Pacific Consortium of Researchers and Educators (APCORE) in partnership with Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and Education, offers an exceptional platform for academic institutions, industry organizations, and other stakeholders to contribute to the advancement of graduate studies in the ASEAN region. The summit has designed a tiered sponsorship system to facilitate various levels of engagement and visibility for sponsors. Below are the sponsorship categories along with their corresponding benefits.

Tier	Number of Onsite Delegation	Benefits
Co-Organizer	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prominent Branding: Logo placement on all summit marketing materials, including banners, websites, and conference kits. • Speaking Opportunity: Allocation of a keynote or plenary session slot for an institutional representative. • Publication: Option for institutional research articles or white papers to be included in the APCORE Online Journal of Proceedings. • Exclusive Access: Priority access to round-table discussions and exclusive networking events. • Plaque and Certificates: Special "Co-Organizer" certificates for the institution. • Media Coverage: Mention in press releases and interviews related to the summit. • Social-Media: Featured posts on all summit social media platforms acknowledging the co-organizer's contribution. • Complimentary Registration: One (1) complimentary registration fee for onsite and five (5) for virtual registration/participation
Partner	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding: Logo placement on summit websites and selected marketing materials. • Panel Participation: Option for an institutional representative to be part of a panel discussion. • Networking: Access to exclusive networking events. • Plaque and Certificates: Special "Partner" certificates for the institution. • Acknowledgment: Formal acknowledgment during the summit's opening and closing ceremonies. • Complimentary Registration: Five (5) for virtual registration/participation
Collaborator	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding: Logo placement on the summit website. • Session Hosting: Opportunity to host a breakout session or workshop. • Certificates: Special "Collaborator" certificates for the institution. • Acknowledgment: Mention during the summit's opening ceremony. • Complimentary Registration: Three (3) for virtual registration/participation

The tiered sponsorship model for the Asian Graduate Studies Summit 2025 aims to provide varying degrees of visibility and engagement for sponsors, calibrated to their level of financial and participatory commitment. Each tier is structured to offer substantial benefits that align with the summit's overarching objectives and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Through this model, the summit endeavors to establish mutually beneficial relationships with its sponsors, thereby enriching the academic discourse and enhancing the collaborative impact of the event.

Conference Registration Link:



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CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

The **Asia-Pacific Consortium of Researchers and Educators (APCoRE)** is delighted to announce the **Asian Graduate Studies Summit (A-GRASS) 2025**, to be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, under the theme: "Bridging Knowledge to Action: Transformative Graduate Education and Research for a Sustainable Asia."

The A-GRASS 2025 invites graduate students, researchers, educators, policymakers, and practitioners across disciplines to submit papers and participate in this multidisciplinary conference. The summit aims to provide a dynamic platform for presenting innovative research, exchanging insights, and fostering collaborations to address the pressing sustainability challenges of the Asia-Pacific region.

Conference Details:

Date: May 21-24, 2025

Venue: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Theme: *Bridging Knowledge to Action: Transformative Graduate Education and Research for a Sustainable Asia*

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We invite submissions that address the conference theme and sub-themes. Papers should highlight innovative research, case studies, or theoretical contributions that demonstrate the transformative potential of graduate education and research for sustainable development. Submissions from interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral collaborations are highly encouraged.

Submission Deadline

15th February, 2025

Submission Guidelines

1. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and must clearly state the objectives, methodology, key findings, and relevance to the conference theme.
2. Submit your abstracts and papers via:
<https://forms.gle/ApxRxAXw8M2jHNNY9>



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Virtual Registration

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Early Bird Registration (until Feb. 28, 2025 ONLY)

ONSITE with Accommodation \$550
ONSITE without Accommodation \$450
Virtual \$30

Important Dates

15th Feb 2025

Paper submission deadline

20th Feb 2025

Acceptance notification

28th Feb 2025

Early bird registration and payment deadline

15th Mar 2025

Full Paper Submission deadline

21st - 24th May 2025

Conference date

Join us in advancing the transformative potential of graduate education and research for a sustainable Asia. We look forward to your participation in A-GRASS 2025!

Submission Link

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For Inquiries please contact us at information@apcore-inc.org

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Call for Participation

We warmly invite educators, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to attend the summit and engage in stimulating discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities. Whether presenting research or participating as an attendee, your involvement will contribute to shaping actionable solutions for a sustainable Asia.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Plenary sessions featuring renowned experts.
- Parallel sessions showcasing graduate research.
- Workshops on innovative methodologies and practical applications.
- Networking opportunities with stakeholders from academia, industry, and government.

REGISTER HERE



Date Event

21 - 24 May 2025

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