From the desk of the President

Akamai Achieves Premier Accreditation Status

On 2 March 2014, Akamai University was accredited by the Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges and Universities (ASIC). Akamai has been designated as an ASIC Premier University for demonstrating several quality areas of strength and good practice. ASIC is a member of the British Quality Foundation (BQF), sits on the Quality Standards Group of UK NARIC, and is one of a number of international accrediting bodies listed in the international directory by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) in the USA and is a member of the CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG). ASIC is an approved accrediting body in compliance by the UK Border Agency (UKBA). ASIC Accreditation provides reassurance to the UK Border and Immigration Agency that the college meets their strict requirements for overseas students and, in general, does not harm the perceived quality of the United Kingdom education provision.

Dr. Lawrence Watson, Chief Inspector and Qualifications Adviser, at ASIC was placed in charge of leading the Akamai quality review in Hilo, Hawaii. While he proved exceedingly thorough and detailed in his investigation of Akamai’s academic quality and institutional integrity, he was equally helpful to the University in providing guidance in furthering the advancement toward advanced. Dr. Lawrence visited with students, faculty, and Akamai administrative staff. He viewed more than 2000 pages of documentation prepared for ASIC review.
ASIC Carries Out AU Quality Review in Malaysia

On 15-17 November 2014, Dr. Maurice Dimmock, Chairman, ASIC Group of Companies, pursued the quality assurance assessment of the Akamai University's Asia Business Programs in Penang Malaysia.

Dr. Dimmock was welcomed by Akamai alumni, faculty, and the Asia administrative team (EDS Business School). Dr. Maurice graced the Akamai alumni with an inspiring speech, spent time discussing instructional techniques with AU faculty, visited seminars in session, explored matters with Akamai students, and discussing his findings with Dr. Douglass Capogrossi.

According to the ASIC Accreditation Handbook, page 10: Colleges which are deemed by the Accreditation Committee to have satisfied a number of indicators of commendable provision in identified sub-areas in each Area of Operation will be awarded a commendable grade for that Area and those colleges which are awarded commendable grades in at least six Areas, normally including Areas B, C, D and E, will be awarded Commendable overall. These colleges will have ASIC Premier College status.

Akamai University was found to operate at a commendable level in the quality areas of premises, health and safety, management and staff resources, learning and teaching, course delivery, quality assurance and enhancement, and marketing and recruitment.

Immediately following the quality reviews, the Akamai Board of Directors undertook short and long range planning, to begin the tasks and recommendations provided by the ASIC accreditation teams, both for Hawaii-based and cross-border operations.
History of AU Academic Council

The Academic Council was founded by the initiative and leadership of Dr. LaWanna Lease Blount, Dr. Anthony Marranto, and Dr. Douglass Capogrossi in 2003. As the Council elected new Chairs, Dr. James Wear and Dr. Deryl Gulliford were both able to contribute greatly in moving the Council toward a more effective body within the structure of the University. In 2012, Dr. May Jo Bulbrook moved the Council further toward an effective advisory body, helping to initiate the Institutional Review Board and new standardized classes for the doctoral research functions of the University.

The Council is composed of seven voting members and the most recent past Chair. Members are faculty in good standing from the degree programs at Akamai University. The Council has extensive advisory powers and responsibilities for all academic activities of the university, including curriculum and instruction, research, academic support and outreach and recruitment. The Council oversees the quality of conduct of on-going academic programs and advises relative to elimination of existing program. It investigates and recommends new and revised academic policies and procedures for consideration and approval by the University’s Board of Directors. Each November, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Academic Council holds its organizational meeting and elects officers for the coming year.

Akamai University Faculty Select 2014 Academic Council

Akamai University has been blessed with election of an outstanding 2014 Academic Council membership. Selected as Chair, Dr. Sandra Kolbl-Holman is the Chair of the Sustainability Studies Program and has been quite active in University Curriculum Review Councils and other administrative committees. As Chair of the Academic Council, Dr. Kolbl-Holman assumes the Board position held by the exiting Council Chair, Dr. Mary Jo Bulbrook. Dr. Marena Koukis was selected as Vice Chair, an excellent supporting role for Akamai’s Chair of the Institutional Review Board, and a long-term active member of the Akamai faculty. Dr. James O. Wear accepted the Board Secretary role, and as a successful past Council Chair and member of the AU Board of Directors, he is sure to contribute excellent guidance to the 2014 Council leadership. Dr. Mary Jo Bulbrook, most recent past Chair was re-elected as a 2014 member of the Council. Dr. Bulbrook is an outstanding member of the Akamai faculty, serving as a member of the Akamai in-house accreditation committee, traveling to Hawaii to represent the Academic Council during November of 2014, when the accrediting team from ASIC (Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges, and Universities) conducted its site visit in Hawaii. Three other senior members of the Akamai faculty were re-elected to serve on the 2014 Council including, Dr. Michael J Cohen, Director of Applied Ecopsychology; Dr. Elliot Benjamin, Director of Transpersonal Psychology, and Dr. Christopher K. Johannes, Director of Integral Health Studies.
Akamai Fosters Joint Congress with EMPI

Akamai University in partnership with Energy Medicine Partnerships International (EMPI)
Grow your practice in Transform Your Life through Energy Medicine, Healing Touch, Touch For Health, Energy Psychology with support & consultation from an elder in the field, master teacher, practitioner and specialist, Dr Mary Jo Bulbrook, CEMP/S/I, HTCP, HTP/I

To register, contact Dr. Mary Jo Bulbrook at
Dr. Mary Jo Bulbrook is a medical intuitive and founder of Transform Your Life through Energy Medicine (TYLEM). It is based on her distinguished 20-year career as a university professor and clinical specialist in psychiatric mental health nursing. From 1974-84, she was a key figure in the development of world-renowned family therapist Virginia Satir’s teaching organization, Avanta Network. Drawing on their 12 years together, elements from Virginia’s teachings and philosophy were integrated with Dr. Bulbrook’s holistic nursing theory Healing From Within and Without. Over the next decade, Dr. Bulbrook’s therapy training evolved into the Energetic Healing Program. In 2004, the title of the program was changed to its current name, representing the growth and expansion from the original model. The work continues to advance today. Over the last three decades, Dr. Bulbrook has been a pioneer in the energy medicine field. She began teaching and practicing Therapeutic Touch and Touch for Health in the seventies, and moved to teaching her own energy material in the eighties. From 1990-2004, Dr. Bulbrook was active in the leadership of Healing Touch. She developed both HT and her own program in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Peru, Ireland and Chile, as well as throughout the US and Canada. Mary Jo has collaborated with international healers such as Rosalyn Bruyere, Credo Mutwa (South African Sangoma), Bob Randall (Aborigine elder), and Rose Pere (Maori Tohuna). In 1989, Dr. Bulbrook was honored with the Canadian Holistic Nurse of the Year award. From this rich background, she was able to create a highly effective and easy to implement model of advanced psycho-spiritual treatment.

Division for Community and Continuing Education

Akamai University, is pleased to re-launch its Division of Community and Continuing Education. With the rapid advancement of new technologies in the workplace resulting in increased demands in the job market for continual updating of knowledge and skills, we are pleased to provide courses in the Division of Community and Continuing Education. These DCCE courses are designed to assist participants in obtaining the new knowledge and skills needed to make the transition to new jobs and careers, and to obtain and update current knowledge and skills needed for the workplace. In addition, the Division offers courses for persons who are interested in areas of study for personal satisfaction in their lifelong education.

The Division shall offer two types of courses:

Community Education
Courses are offered for community education and lifelong learning. These credit courses are of 2-7 week duration and may be used as the basis for entry into other coursework at Akamai. Tuition for Community Education courses is $75.00 per credit. New Community Education class are under development.

Continuing Education Courses
Courses are offered to adults for their personal satisfaction and professional development. These courses carry a weight of 0.5 to 3.0 credits. Class may carry Continuing Education Units (CEU) to meet licensing and professional requirements. New Continuing Education class are under development.

Student records for all enrollments and participation in courses in this Division are kept on file in the Hilo administrative office. Students completing classes are issued a completion certificate from the University headquarters. Transcripts of record are available upon written request at a small fee.

If you are looking for a particular short course to update or acquire new skills in the marketplace and do not find it listed for the Division, please email the Division Director to discuss your needs. We may be able to offer a short course for you that is not now listed.

Dr. Mary Jo Bulbrook, Dean DCCE
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Introducing Akamai Think Tank Center for Global Betterment

The Akamai University Think Tank Center for Global Betterment is a Division of the University that sponsors research and planning on specific problems and challenges. Further, it provides opportunities for Akamai University faculty to carry out consulting projects via contract to encourage the discovery of solutions to major world problems and challenges within industry and the professions. This think tank explicitly focuses on interaction among professors and practitioners in pursuit of goals, standards, and policies and procedures, usually for the purpose of improving those problems and challenges and creating viable solutions and alternatives.

By their very nature, think tanks are involved with the academic and scholarly world. In fact, the most important sources of economic, social, and political change are ideas generated among university faculty, in think tanks, and in other research organizations around the country.

We often discuss think tanks in ways similar to how we talk about cities: what took us to them, which services worked particularly well, who we met, and which impressions we took away. Personal experience is indispensable in understanding cities, and think tanks. But it also is incomplete. Our personal and intellectual travels only cut a thin path. To get a broader perspective we need a more systemic view, especially if our understanding is to inform what we do.

It is the founding mission of Akamai University to seek solutions for amelioration of major world problems and sustainability of the planet. He Think Tank Center for Global Betterment will seek to undertake collaborative activities in the fields of psychology and human services, environmental and ecological studies, business and economic development, educational leadership and TESOL, public health administration and complementary an alternative medicine, peace, diplomacy and international relations, and sustainability studies.

The activities of the Akamai think tank may include:

1. Collaborative authorship for books and textbooks
2. Research projects and juried journal articles
3. Colloquium, conferences and other academic gatherings
4. Projects, services and major planning activities for government, corporations, and professions
5. Contact activities for other schools and humanitarian organizations.
6. Special contract work for nonprofit organizations, associations and schools
7. Curriculum development for school programs
8. Faculty training for schools, colleges and universities
About EDS Business School

EDS Business School is internationally recognized as a premier training and executive development organization, and world-class nurturer of talent, satisfying a rapidly growing demand for skills development training among educational leaders, professionals, entrepreneurs and executives in the Asia-Pacific Region. EDS operates world class advanced management trainings and networking activities in Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, USA and Macedonia, Eastern Europe, and is best known for providing state-of-the-art training in management principles and leadership practices through a unique Executive Open Learning Programs. EDS Business School is established to meet the rapidly growing demand for skills development training needs by academia, NGO leaders, professionals, business owners and executives in the Asia-Pacific Region to provide up-to-date management knowledge and leadership practices through its unique (Executive Opening Learning) training model.

Buddhist Monks Enjoy Participation in Akamai-EDS Residential Seminars in Bangkok, Thailand, 15 - 21 March 2014

Akamai University, educational affiliate, EDS Business School was highly honored to have fourteen Buddhist Monks and Nuns, led by His Holiness Tran Van Anh, the Chief Monk from Vietnam, in attendance at the Akamai-EDS International Residential MBA and PhD in Management Programs held at the King Park Avenue Hotel, in Bangkok, Thailand, on 15 - 21 March 2014.

Dr. Douglass Capogrossi, President at Akamai University, also in attendance, stated that the monks were very friendly and easily socialized with the other attendees. They participated at a praiseworthy level within the seminar classes.

Akamai-EDS seminar faculty admired the monk’s determination for continuous lifelong learning and their desire to seek new knowledge in the contemporary culture. We were all impressed by the level of trust the monks showed in the quality of the education provided by Akamai-EDS Business School.
Akamai Expands its eCampus and eClassroom Activities

To assure the overall quality of the Akamai University distance education, a world-class e-campus has been developed. Khoo Voon Ching was selected as the eCampus webmaster, and he has proved well prepared for the role. For this e-campus development project, Akamai has used the Graphical User Interface method (GUI) which is implemented by today’s available operating systems (OS), including Microsoft Windows, IOS, and Android, for the purpose of easier interaction between the human and computer. Akamai has used vital web programming methods to integrate the entire e-education system into the e-campus virtual platform which is shown in the figure to the left.

Hyper Text Mark-up Language (HTML)

Hyper Text Mark-up Language or HTML was used as the foundation of the e-campus website. The main purpose of HTML is to integrate the features together which were then linked to Adobe Flash to create an excellent interactive graphical user interface.

Adobe Flash

Adobe Flash is a multimedia and software platform used for authoring vector graphics, animation, games and rich Internet applications (RIAs) that can be viewed, played and executed in Adobe Flash Player. Flash is frequently used to add streamed video or audio players, advertisement and interactive multimedia content to web pages. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macromedia_flash; Cited: 8 Oct 2013). Whereby Akamai University integrated the Adobe Flash with all of the e-campus features, such as e-classroom, e-journey, and e-library. Most features were built with Hypertext Pre-processor coding (PHP).

Hypertext Pre-processor coding (PHP)

PHP is a server-side scripting language designed for web development but also used as a general-purpose programming language. PHP is now installed on more than 244 million websites and 2.1 million web servers. Originally created by Rasmus Lerdorf in 1995, the reference implementation of PHP is now produced by The PHP Group. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PHP; Cited: 8 Oct 2013.

About Khoo Voon Ching

We could not be more blessed, having Voon as our eCampus webmaster. He has built an excellent set of online services for Akamai and prepared instructions for administrative staff, students, and faculty members, as well as for ASIC accreditation reviewers, and provided videoconferencing assistance for ASIC as they reviewed the various elements of the eCampus.

Khoo Voon Ching holds two Master’s degrees, namely, the M.Sc by research from Asia e University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Akamai University, USA. Voon Ching obtained his professional qualifications as an incorporated engineer from the Engineering Council, UK, and as a certified planning engineer from the American Academy of Project Management, USA. He also studied in the University Technology of Malaysia to obtain his diploma in Mechanical Engineering and in Institute First Robotics Industrial Science to acquire an advanced diploma in Robotics and Automation Engineering. Voon Ching is currently in pursuit of his PhD degree.

Voon Ching has many years of industry experience, specializing in automation and semiconductor testing. He first worked as a service engineer before he moved to Semiconductor Testing Automation. As a sales manager in semiconductor’s test-industry, he was involved in multi-site test handler sales and service activities. He implemented multi-site testing handlers in many MNCs involved in semiconductor testing, which primarily aimed to reduce testing costs. His research interests include technology management, cost reduction through technology, and the efficiency of technology to improve human condition.

Mr. Khoo is a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the International Associations of Engineers. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Project Management.
The Akamai Community News is looking for updates from students, faculty, and alumni. Share your good news by sending an email to the editor. To be sure that your message gets prompt attention, include “Akamai Newsletter” in the header.

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