

ABEST21 International Annual Meeting 2023



Inamori hall, Shiran Kaikan, Kyoto University

ABEST21 International Annual Meeting 2023 was held for the third day straight from March 9, 2023 at "Inamori Hall", Shiran kaikan, Kyoto University, Kyoto Japan. The Annual meeting, which had held by online due to the Covid-19 pandemic, was held in person for the first time in three years and about forty representatives from ABEST21 International school members participated to the meeting. The program schedule of the conference is as follows;



Day 1: Thursday, March 9

Opening Remarks

Professor Emeritus Dr. Fumio ITOH
President and CEO ABEST21 International
ABEST21 President delivered opening remarks and explained about main objective of the Annual Meeting 2023.



Welcome Message

Associate Professor Keiji MURAKAMI, Ph.D. Graduate School of Management, Kyoto University, Japan

Associate Professor Keiji MURAKAMI delivered a welcome message to our members and made brief introduction of both Kyoto University and Graduate School of Management. He pointed that Kyoto University has produced 11 Nobel Prize winners and introduced certain individual character of the education and research of the Graduate School of Management.



Granting the New School Membership Certificate

ABEST21 International School Membership Certificate-granting Ceremony was held.

Dean Associate Professor Dr. Geoffrey Haryey Tanakinjal, Labuan Faculty of International Finance, Universiti Malaysia Sabah that had joined us last October received the certificate there.



Granting the ABEST21 International Accreditation Certificate March 2023



Following schools received the Accreditation in March, 2023.

- Department of Business Administration, SBI Graduate School, Japan
- Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia
- Faculty of Business and Economics, Universitas Surabaya, Indonesia
- SP Jain School of Global Management, Singapore

ABEST21 International President Dr. Fumio ITOH granted the Accreditation Certificates to representative of the accredited schools there.



Dean Prof. Dr. KOBAYASHI Hideyuki



Dean Teguh Dartanto, Ph.D.



Dean Prof. Dr. A. Seetharaman

Granting the KAIZEN Award



Following schools received the KAIZEN Award in 2022 and 2023.

2022

- Faculty of Economics, Universitas Sriwijaya, Indonesia

2023

- Graduate School of Business and Finance, Waseda University, Japan
- Arshad Ayub Graduate Business School, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia
- Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia

ABEST21 President granted the crystal trophies for the KAIZEN AWARD to the winning schools there. At the end of the first day, participants delivered their congratulate speeches for the accredited schools and the KAIZEN Award winning schools.



Dean Dr. Idqan Fahmi,
SB IPB, Indonesia



Dean Prof. Zafir Khan Bin
Mohamad Makhbul
GSB UKM, Malaysia



Dean Prof. Dr. Hj. Nuny Nur Afiah
FEB UNPAD, Indonesia



Dean Dr. Vichayanan
Rattanawiboonsom
FBEC,NU, Thailand



Dr. Tifa Noer Amelia
Perbanas, Indonesia

Day 2: Friday, March 10

Memorial Session

ABEST21 Vice President Professor Ilker Baybars, Ph.D.

We announced with deep sadness that our Vice President and Deputy Dean Emeritus Professor Dr. Ilker Baybars, Carnegie Mellon University, had passed away on December 23, 2022. So, we held the memorial session in deep memory of Vice President Dr. Ilker Baybars.

At first, ABEST21 Vice President Professor Dr. Ali Khatibi express his condolences. Then, Professor Dr. Hiroshi TAKAMORI, LEC University, Japan shared his memories of the deceased. After that ABEST21 President Fumio ITOH related his memories of the deceased with sharing memorable photos. At the end of his speech, our President said that we will remember Dr. Ilker



Baybars for his hard work and dedication during the founding of ABEST21, for his collegiality, for his forward-looking thinking, and his keen ability to engage with and collaborate with international members of ABEST21. Finally, Ms. Cigdem Baybars responded to them at the end of session. We really rest in peace.



Prof. Ali Khatibi



Prof. Hiroshi TAKAMORI



President Prof. Fumio ITOH

President Professor Emeritus Dr. Itoh published a special issue of ABEST21 e-News in deep memory of Vice President Ilker Baybars. The URL to read the article is as follows:

School Presentations

The accredited schools and KAIZEN Award winning schools made their presentations. They introduced about their schools and shared knowledge obtained through ABEST21 Accreditation as well as their experiences through ABEST21 KAIZEN. These Speakers and title of their presentation were as follows:

Dean Dr. Mohd Asri Mohd Noor
 Faculty of Management and Economics,
 Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris, Malaysia
 "Introduction of FME-UPSI"



Dean Dr. Geoffrey Harvey Tanakinjal
 Labuan Faculty of International Finance,
 Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia
 "The role of International Finance in Sustainable Development and Building Industry-Academic Collaboration"



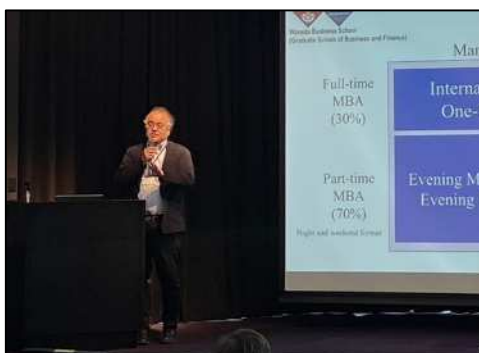
Dean Teguh Dartanto, Ph.D.
 Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas
 Indonesia, Indonesia
 "FEB UI's ABEST21 Accreditation Journey:
 Challenge, Progress and Transformation"



Dean Professor Dr. Arumugam Seetharaman
 SP Jain School of Global Management, Singapore
 "Reimagining Business Education through
 Disruptive Innovation"



Dean Professor Hitoshi TAKEHARA, Ph.D.
 Graduate School of Business and Finance,
 Waseda University, Japan
 "Waseda Business School-the Past and the
 Future"



Vice Dean Ainur Rofiq, Ph.D.
 Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas
 Brawijaya, Indonesia
 "ABEST21 Accreditation-KAIZEN Universitas
 Brawijaya"



Closing Remarks

ABEST21 Vice President Professor Dr. Ali Khatibi
 Senior Vice President, Management & Science University, Malaysia

ABEST21 Vice President Teguh Dartanto, Ph.D.
 Dean, Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia

Day 3: Saturday, March 11
Kyoto Study Tour (Optional Tour)

It was a beautiful sunny day with a clear blue sky. A tour bus departed from the Prince Hotel Takaragaike to visit Kinkakuji "Golden Pavilion", Ryoan-ji "The Rock Garden" and Nijo-jo "Nijo Castle" on Saturday, March 11. About 30 participants from ABEST21 School Members joined the tour. Ms. Rara Ikeuchi, Ms. Akane Fujisaki and Ms. Kaoru Tobe explained about each destination with brief introduction in the bus. We hope all participants enjoyed coming in to contact with traditional various Japanese cultures.



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