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**THE ALLIANCE ON BUSINESS EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR TOMORROW,  
a 21<sup>st</sup> century organization**

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## I. ABEST21 International General Information

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### 1. ABEST21 International Office Report

#### December

- 02<sup>nd</sup>-03<sup>rd</sup> : Holding the 1st Peer Review Committee 2025
- 17<sup>th</sup> : Holding the ABEST21 International Accreditation Seminar for 2026 (PAA/QIS)

### 2. Rescheduling) The ABEST21 International Annual Meeting 2026

We are pleased to announce an update to the schedule for the ABEST21 International Annual Conference 2026. In recognition of the important religious observation of AIDILADHA, the meeting date has been adjusted to accommodate this occasion.

The ABEST21 International Annual Meeting 2026 will now be held on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We appreciate for your understanding and look forward to your participation.

The outline of the meeting is below;



## **ABEST21 International Annual Meeting 2026**

### **Date:**

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **Venue:**

Room D, Kyoto International Conference Center  
422 Iwakura Osagicho, Sakyo Ward, Kyoto  
606-0001, Japan

URL: [Getting Here & Parking | Kyoto International Conference Center](#)

### **Program:**

#### Session I

- General Assembly 2026
- Accreditation-granting Ceremony 2026
- KAIZEN Award-granting Ceremony 2026

#### Session II:

International Seminar “Nurturing Human Resources and Developing Competitive Education Programs in the Global South”

### **Recommended accommodation**

The Lodge at ICC Kyoto

note: The accommodation is located on the same premises as the venue.

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## **II. “Assessing Today for Tomorrow”**

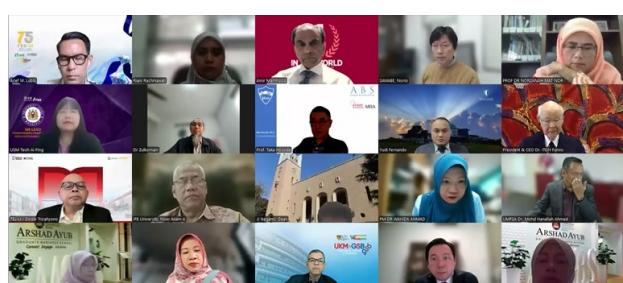
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### **1. Holding the ABEST21 International Peer Review Committee 2025**

On Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 1st ABEST21 International Peer Review Committee 2025 was convened online. The Agenda of the Peer Review Committee was below:

#### I. Information

1. On ABEST21 International Accreditation Schedule 2025

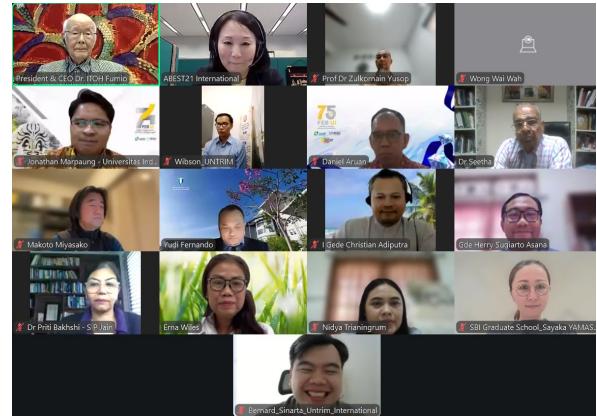


#### II. Discussion

1. On approving the Quality Improvement Strategies 2025
2. On approving the Self-Check/Self-Evaluation Reports 2025
3. On approving the KAIZEN Reports 2025
4. On improving ABEST21 International Process
5. Miscellaneous

## 2. Holding the Online ABEST21 International Accreditation Seminar for 2026

On Wednesday, December 17, the Online Accreditation Seminar I for the 2026 Accreditation on Pre-Accreditation Analysis (PAA) and Quality Improvement Strategies (QIS) was convened. The seminar provided a structured introduction to the purpose, philosophy, and process of the accreditation framework. The program commenced with opening remarks from Professor Emeritus Dr. Fumio ITOH, President and CEO of ABEST21 International, who emphasized the our mission and the significance of continuous quality assurance in higher management education in Asia. This was followed by Professor Yudi Fernando, Ph.D. (ABEST21 International Accreditation Advisor), the Faculty of Industrial Management, Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah, Malaysia. Professor Fernando offered an in-depth discussion on the underlying philosophy of ABEST21 International Accreditation and, highlighting its distinctive orientation toward continuous improvement, globalization, diversity, and etc. Subsequently, Professor Dr. Zulkornain bin Yusop, Chief Advisor for ABEST21 International Accreditation, addressed the critical role of third-party accreditation from the perspective of academic experts. The ABEST21 International Office then provided a detailed explanation of the accreditation procedures, including the 2026 process timeline and required documentation. The last session was Q&A leaded by Professor Yudi Fernando, Ph.D. Throughout the seminar, participants engaged in active discussions, deepening their understanding of the accreditation framework and its implications for institutional quality enhancement.



## 3. Upcoming) ABEST21 International Accreditation Seminars 2026

### January

- 20<sup>th</sup> : Holding the ABEST21 International Accreditation Seminar 2026 (KZR)
- 28<sup>th</sup> : Holding the ABEST21 International Accreditation Seminar 2026 (SCR)

Details of upcoming accreditation seminar has been updated on ABEST21 bulletin board.

### **III. ABEST21 International Global Knowledge Network**

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In the age of increasing globalization, it is a great challenge for business schools to create and maintain first-class educational programs in management education. No single institution can recruit, develop or retain all the resources required to cover every aspect of management education. We, with our diverse strengths and unique abilities, have to work together to make most of our complementary resources on a global scale.

ABEST21 International was established with a following mission: "We believe that there are many areas where we can explore and interact in the interest of international cooperation in the 21st century. We will advance business school education on a global basis by encouraging the mutually beneficial collaboration among member institutions. We, therefore, have come to the conclusion that we shall use our efforts to establish THE ALLIANCE ON BUSINESS EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR TOMORROW, a 21st century organization." Aiming to accomplish this mission, ABEST21 has set up the Global Knowledge Network to promote the following activities:

- 1) Joint development of curricula and case materials
- 2) Joint research projects
- 3) International symposiums
- 4) Industry-academia collaboration including company management seminars
- 5) Quality assurance of management education

Global Knowledge Network is a guarantee for ABEST21 International accreditation result. The Global Knowledge Network as a mutual cooperative relationship among the accredited members contributes to sharing and solving of the KAIZEN issues which cannot be solved independently.



July 3, 2005 at Hakone Prince Hotel

## **IV. 2025 Retrospect (January to December 2025)**

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Time files. Its speed seems to prove the growth of ABEST21 International. As we publish this final issue of the eNews for 2025, a year marking the 20th anniversary of ABEST21 International. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the generous support and cooperation extended by colleagues across diverse fields since our establishment in 2005. Thanks to this collective commitment, ABEST21 International celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. As a milestone event in this commemorative year, on May 26, 2025, we held the ABEST21 International 20th Anniversary Symposium, titled "Nurturing Human Resources and Developing Competitive Education Programs in the Global South", at the United Nations University. Here is a brief review of 2025:

### **January**

- 8<sup>th</sup> : Holding the Online Accreditation Committee Preliminary Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> : Holding the Online Accreditation Committee 2025
- 15<sup>th</sup> : Holding the Online Accreditation Seminar 2025 for KAIZEN Report
- 21<sup>st</sup> : Holding the Online Accreditation Seminar 2025 for QIS
- 23<sup>rd</sup> : Meeting with Rector Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, United Nations University
- 26<sup>th</sup> : Holding the Online Accreditation Seminar 2025 for SCR-AAAS
- 29<sup>th</sup> : Holding the Online Accreditation Seminar 2025 for SCR-APAS

### **February**

- 5<sup>th</sup> : Holding the Audit Meeting 2025
- 26<sup>th</sup> : ABEST21 International Board of Trustees 2025

### **March**

- 12<sup>th</sup> : Meeting with UNU
- 19<sup>th</sup> : Report to MEXT on Accreditation Results, March 2025
- 25<sup>th</sup> : Meeting with Director, International Affairs Div. Higher Education Bureau, MEXT of Japan
- 27<sup>th</sup> : Press release on the ABEST21 International Accreditation, March 2025

### **April**

- 28<sup>th</sup> : Holding the Online Accreditation Seminar for 2025 (SCR)

### **May**

- 08<sup>th</sup> : Holding the Online Accreditation Seminar for 2025 (KAIZEN Report)
- 13<sup>th</sup> : Holding the Online Accreditation Seminar for 2025 (QIS)

- 26<sup>th</sup> : ABEST21 International Annual Conference 2025  
ABEST21 International 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium



United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan

- 27<sup>th</sup> : Hakone Study Tour 2025



Otometoge Pass, Hakone

## July

- 11<sup>th</sup> : Visit to Director General, Domestic Strategy and Partnership Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan
- 15<sup>th</sup> : Visit to International Affairs Division, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)-Japan
- 16<sup>th</sup> : Holding the ABEST21 International PRT Training Seminar 2025

## August

- 07<sup>th</sup> : Holding the ABEST21 International PRT Leader's Training Seminar 2025

- 18<sup>th</sup> : Visit to Rector of the United Nations University



- 22<sup>nd</sup> : Online Meeting with Director of Office for Professional Graduate Schools, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)-Japan

## September

- 02<sup>nd</sup>-03<sup>rd</sup> : Conducting Online Peer Review Visit with Universitas Telkom, Indonesia
- 08<sup>th</sup>-09<sup>th</sup> : Conducting Online Peer Review Visit with PPM School of Management, Indonesia
- 11<sup>th</sup> : Conducting Online Interview with Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia
- 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> : Conducting Online Peer Review Visit with Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia
- 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> : Conducting Online Peer Review Visit with Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia
- 29<sup>th</sup> : Conducting Online Interview with SP Jain School of Global Management, Singapore

## October

- 02<sup>nd</sup> : Conducting Online Interview with SBI Graduate School, Japan
- 06<sup>th</sup>-07<sup>th</sup> : Conducting Peer Review Visit to Kyoto University, Japan
- 08<sup>th</sup>-09<sup>th</sup> : Conducting Online Peer Review Visit with Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, Malaysia
- 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> : Conducting Peer Review Visit to IPB University, Indonesia
- 16<sup>th</sup> : Holding ABEST21 International Accreditation Seminar 2025 in Bogor, Indonesia



School of Business, IPB University, Bogor, Indonesia

- 17<sup>th</sup> : Visit to Embassy of Japan in Indonesia

- 17<sup>th</sup> : Meeting with FEB UI in Jakarta, Indonesia
- 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> : Conducting Online Peer Review Visit with Universitas Jenderal Soedirman, Indonesia
- 23<sup>rd</sup> : Conducting Online Interview with Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah, Indonesia
- 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> : Conducting Online Peer Review Visit to Labuan-Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia

**November**

- 04<sup>th</sup> : Conducting Online Interview with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia
- 20<sup>th</sup> : Visit to Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)-Japan
- 27<sup>th</sup> : Visit to Waseda University Legal Clinic LPC, Japan

**December**

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