

Preface from the Editors

These proceedings is a compilation of full papers successfully reviewed by SEAIR board of reviewers to be presented at the annual conference of SEAIR (South East Asian Association for Institutional Research) held in Penang on 13-15 October, 2009. Each year, the conference is held in different countries and in 2009 Universiti Sains Malaysia was given the privilege to host the conference.

More than 150 abstracts were submitted from all over the world such as Iran, Australia, Qatar, Lebanon, The Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR, and Malaysia. However, a total of 63 refereed full papers were accepted for publication in the proceedings.

This year's theme revolves around *The Future of Higher Education*. This is further divided into four subthemes:

- Visioning for excellence in higher education
- Alternative learning environments for future learners
- Impacts of quality on future higher education practices
- Institutional research and the growth of higher education

We wish you a great time and trust that you will have significant and valuable discussions on the papers and themes at the conference.

Warm regards,
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