

National Higher Education Research Institute Malaysia (IPPTN)
Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia and Universiti Sains Malaysia
Malaysia

This institution is a **Government research institute**.

According to OECD's FRASCATI Manual¹, it is a: **Higher Education Institution**

As a possible partner in international research cooperation, it offers the following skills:

Coordination	Yes
Research	Yes
Demonstration	No
Training	Yes
Technology	No
Dissemination	Yes
Other	-

Preferred project duration = 1-3 years

What makes the institution unique and attractive for international cooperation?

IPPTN is the only research institute of its kind in Malaysia that undertake analysis of higher education policies in Malaysia and the region (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam). IPPTN has direct access to the unit handling data on higher education at the ministry. In view of its unique position in Malaysia and its research expertise, IPPTN is acknowledged as the referral point for many organisations that undertake research on higher education in Malaysia (eg. OECD, UNESCO, World Bank, JICA-RI (Japan), Research Institute of Higher Education (Hiroshima University, Japan), ASEAN University Network (Bangkok), South East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation-RIHED (Bangkok). IPPTN has the necessary contacts with many associations of universities (such as the IAU, the Association of African Universities, the Association of Commonwealth Universities) through international meetings that it helped to organise such as the Global Higher Education Forum (GHEF2007, 2009; the Commonwealth Vice Chancellors Forum 2009).

¹ OECD (2002): Frascati Manual 2002: Proposed Standard Practice for Surveys on Research and Experimental Development, Paris: OECD Publishing.

The following **aspects make international cooperation attractive** for this institution:

Funding	X	Access to Research Infrastr.	X
Networking	X	Co-Patenting	-
Scientific Co-Publications	X	Exchange of Researchers	X
Increase of Reputation	X	Exchange of Students	-
Other:	comparative research topics/areas		

Concrete **project idea(s) for which international cooperation partners would be useful:**

(1) "Role of Higher Education Institutions in the Urban Economic Growth" This study looks at the contribution of higher education institutions in the urban economy in particular as these institutions are postulated as a main source of innovation and commercialisation activities in the urban economy. How do we measure the impact of these activities in the urban economy? (2) University Governance and Autonomy In view of the changing State-University relationship in the globalisation era, what is the most appropriate governance structure to cope with increasing internationalisation of higher education (but with increasing control by the State). (3) Strategic Planning for Higher Education The proposal is to assess the Malaysian Higher Education Strategic Plan in terms of plan consistency and coherence. (4) Private Higher Education in Malaysia - An Engine of Economic Growth? To consider analytically whether the private higher education sector in Malaysia has the capacity to generate meaningful contribution to national income.

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Field of Research: Social Sciences: Educational Sciences

Keywords:

- higher education policy research
- comparative education
- higher education system

A selection of the **institution's publications:**

2009 NORZAINI AZMAN, MUHAMAD JANTAN AND MORSHIDI SIRAT. "The Transformation of the Academic Profession in Malaysia: Trends and Issues on Institutional Governance and Management". Journal of the World Universities Forum, vol. 2 No. 5, pp. 123-138. <http://www.universities-journal.com/> 2009

MORSHIDI SIRAT. "Strategic Planning Directions of Malaysia's Higher Education: University Autonomy in the Midst of Political Uncertainties". Higher Education, DOI 10.1007/s10734-009-9259-0 2009 SIRAT MORSHIDI, AHMAD ABDUL RAZAK AND YEW LIEW KOO. "Trade in Services and Its Policy Implications: The Case of Cross-Border/Transnational Higher Education in Malaysia" Journal of Studies in International Education first published on May 21, 2009 as doi:10.1177/1028315309334878 2008 MORSHIDI SIRAT. "The impact of

September 11 on international student flow into Malaysia: Lessons Learned". International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies (IJAPS) on-line journal. 4, 1 (May), pp. 79-95.

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In the following, we would like to present some **key data regarding the human capital** of the research institution/subunit/group presented, here.

Languages available at the institution:
English Language and Malay language

Number of R&D Personnel in the institution as headcount:		
	Researchers	= 13
	Technicians and equivalent staff	= 2
	Other supporting staff	= 4
Researchers from abroad currently working in the institution		= 0
International visiting scientists in 2008 (staying for at least 1 week)		= 1
National researchers spending at least 1 semester abroad		= 3
Number of Researchers in the institution currently involved in research projects with international cooperation partners		= 10

Intensity of the institution's research cooperation with partners from the following countries:

Japan	=	intense cooperation
South Korea	=	sporadic cooperation
USA	=	regular cooperation
Canada	=	sporadic cooperation
India	=	sporadic cooperation
EU	=	regular cooperation
Other ASEAN Countries	=	intense cooperation

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The research institution/subunit/group presented, here, has participated in the following **international research projects**.

Project 1

Title: Review of HEIs
Project website: www.oecd/edu/higher/regionaldevelopment
Regional outreach: N/A
Project duration: N/A
Project partners:

Project 2

Title: Changing Acad Profes
Project website:
Regional outreach: Southeast Asia, European Union, United States, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, China, South Africa, Latin America, Canada, Korea
Project duration: 36
Project partners: OECD/IMHE

Project 3

Title: Employability
Project website:
Regional outreach: Southeast Asia
Project duration: 6
Project partners: UNESCO Jakarta and Bangkok

Project 4

Title: Post Secondary Edn
Project website:
Regional outreach: Malaysia
Project duration: 2
Project partners: IEP/UNESCO, Paris

Project 5

Title: Harmonisation of HE
Project website:
Regional outreach: Southeast Asia
Project duration: 6
Project partners: Southeast Asian Minsiters of Education Organisation-RIHED, Bangkok