

Report of the Workshop on University Administration

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The Workshop on University Administration organised by the Institute of Higher Studies (IPT) was held in Rumah Universiti from 1st–2nd August, 1983. The Workshop was mainly directed at administrators of higher institution. Altogether more than 40 participants from the Ministry of Education, the 5 universities and other institutions of higher learning attended the workshop.

The main speakers at the Workshop were two American experts with wide practical experience in the field of university administration – Professor E. Young, Professor of Applied Economics in the University of Wisconsin, and Professor P. Altbach, Director of the Department of Comparative Education Centre, State University of New York at Buffalo. Professor Yip Yat Hoong, Dean of IPT and Professor J.S. Jasbir from the Faculty of Education also complemented the panel by providing the local expertise and viewpoints.

The six sessions planned for the two-day Workshop were:

Session I: The Goals and Purpose of a University.

Session II: University Staff Development.

Session III: Research Management.

Session IV: The University Budget as an Instrument for Planning.

Session V: Student Activism in Universities.

Session VI: The Evolving Role of Universities in Third World Countries.

[Surprisingly, it was noted that hardly any mention of the role of the librarian and the library in university administration was made by the two main speakers, so the need or the importance of training/rewarding library staff was never considered].

No papers were presented for these topics but IPT eventually hopes to publish the proceedings of the Workshop for distribution.

The Workshop was very enlightening and interesting. It is however felt that there was not enough time for meaningful discussions in the six sessions.

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