HIGHER EDUCATION
A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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Ever worsening climates and natural disasters
  Frequent man-made accidents
  Unpredictable economic crises
  Spontaneous political unrest
  Recurrence & emergence of epidemics
  Irresponsible politicking
  Increasing potentials of war
Organized and unorganized terrorist activities
  Widespread serious corruption
  Unstoppable waves of refugees
  Shameless cheating and faking
  Emotions of independence
Unwanted results of democratic processes
………
It’s a world of turbulence!
It’s a global crisis!
The battle is global!
The solution has to be global!
Our students, and our students,
are in the forefront of the battle!
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Can there be local universities?
Yes!
Students and teachers all nationals!

No!
Global Knowledge:
literature, science, curriculum, pedagogy, …

Global Community:
associations, conferences, networks, journals….

Global Trends:
Ranking, accountability, …..
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Are there limits to internationalisation?
Ladder of internationalisation:

1. One way communications: website, international office
2. Organizing international conferences
3. Teachers going abroad, joining international projects
4. Students going exchange in a foreign culture
5. Hosting foreign academics
6. Hosting foreign students
7. Ring-fenced programmes with international language
8. Whole-campus medium of instruction an international language
9. Working medium an international language
10. Foreigner as administrators
11. An international campus: student language
Language
the critical element

Language as barrier ...
Language superiority?
National publications?
Do you really intend to be international?
Is there anything that can be called an Asian University?
Yes!

Different meaning of knowledge
Different notions of human relations
Different cultures
There are indeed ancient Asian institutions of higher education

No!

Almost all contemporary universities are based on western model
Universities are measured according to western benchmarks
It is difficult to develop an Asian model of universities.
Thank you!

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