

Background and Composition of the IAAP

The IAAP was established by the Ministry of Education (MOE) in April 1997, and typically meets around every three years. As a gathering of experts from around the world, the Panel provides a platform for collective discussion on issues that are common to universities globally, and to exchange perspectives on the future of higher education. Past IAAP conferences have provided valuable perspectives and proposals, which were useful in the work of the Committee on the Expansion of the University Sector (IAAP 2008), the Committee on University Education Pathways beyond 2015, and the promotion of Social Science and Humanities Research (IAAP 2012).

The 12th IAAP is chaired by Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister & Coordinating Minister for Social Policies, and comprises 14 other members who are distinguished leaders in academia and industry from Australia, China, Europe, India and North America.

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