

## 2026 HLU Annual Conference & WURI Global Rankings Ceremony Agenda

<p>Day 1 –HLU Annual Conference May 6, 2026 (Wednesday)</p>	
<p><b>Venue:</b> National Chi Nan University <b>Chair:</b> VP Yung-Ping Tseng</p>	
<p>Morning Session</p>	
	<p><b>Registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Participants who have completed online pre-registration will receive a link containing details of breakout sessions and visits.</li> <li>● Upon arrival, participants are required to sign in and collect conference materials and name badges.</li> </ul>
<p>09:00 – 09:20 AM</p>	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opening Performance: Cultural performance by the University Indigenous Student Association.</li> </ul>
<p>09:20 – 09:50 AM</p>	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● President Dong Sing Wu, HLU President-Elect</li> <li>● Ying-Yao Cheng, Minister of Education (TBC)</li> <li>● President Noel Yasi, HLU President 2025-2026</li> <li>● Profesor Dong Sung Cho, HLU Honorary President</li> </ul>
<p>09:50 – 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Group Photo</b></p>
<p>10:00 – 10:10 AM</p>	<p><b>Media Interview</b></p>
<p>10:00 – 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Coffee Break &amp; Networking (moving to parallel venues)</b></p>
<p>10:30 – 11 :30 AM</p>	<p><b>HLU Parallel Sessions 1</b></p> <p><u>Future Transformation of Universities in the AI Era</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Future Universities in the AI Era-Performing Arts Theater (Reinventing higher education through artificial intelligence)</li> <li>● In Seok Kang (PhD, Caltech) of aSSIST University: World AI Doctoral Progam' at American University of Creativity &amp; Innovation (AUCI) for the global community</li> <li>2. Digital Governance Universities-Lecture Hall (Data-driven management and smart university operations)</li> <li>3. Smart Research Universities-Octagon Hall</li> </ol>

	(AI-enabled research ecosystems and interdisciplinary innovation)
11:30 – 12:30 PM	<p><b>HLU Parallel Sessions 2</b></p> <p><u>Global Engagement and Talent Development</u></p> <p>4. Global Talent Universities-Performing Arts Theater (Developing next-generation global professionals)</p> <p>5. Transnational Education Universities-Lecture Hall (Dual degrees, mobility programs, and cross-border education)</p> <p>6. Inclusive Universities-Octagon Hall (Diversity, equity, and inclusive education innovation)</p> <p><u>Universities for Social Impact and Leadership</u></p>
12:30– 2:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b> ( <i>served at each meeting venue</i> )
Afternoon Session	
2:00 – 3:00 PM	<p><b>HLU Parallel Sessions 3</b></p> <p><u>Sustainable and Resilient Universities (1)</u></p> <p>7. Universities for Net Zero Transition-Performing Arts Theater (Higher education leadership in climate action and ESG)</p> <p>8. Sustainable Innovation Universities-Lecture Hall (Integrating sustainability into research, teaching, and operations)</p> <p>9. Resilient Universities-Octagon Hall (Responding to global uncertainty and future risks)</p>
3:00 – 4:00 PM	<p><b>HLU Parallel Sessions 4</b></p> <p><u>Innovation Ecosystems and Entrepreneurial Universities</u></p> <p>10. Entrepreneurial Universities-Performing Arts Theater (Fostering startup culture and commercialization)</p> <p>11. University-Driven Innovation Ecosystems-Lecture Hall (Building industry–university collaboration platforms)</p> <p>12. Innovation Universities and Global Rankings-Octagon Hall (Strategies for innovation recognition and global competitiveness)</p>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Networking</b> (moving to plenary venue)
4:30 – 5:00 PM	<b>MOU Signing Ceremony and Networking of Universities</b>
5:00 – 6:15 PM	<b>NCNU Campus tour</b>

5:00 – 6:00 PM	<b>HLU Board of Directors Meeting (BOD Members only)</b>
6:30 -7:30 PM	<b>Official Dinner</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome Banquet</li> <li>● Shuttle buses will be provided to return participants to their hotels after the banquet.</li> </ul>

Day 2 –WURI Global Ranking Ceremony May 7, 2026 (Thursday)	
<b>Venue:</b> National Chi Nan University	
Morning Session	
8:30 – 9:00 AM	<b>Registration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Participants who have completed online pre-registration will receive a link containing details of breakout sessions and visits.</li> <li>● Upon arrival, participants are required to sign in and collect conference materials and name badges.</li> </ul>
09:00 – 09:20 AM	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> Opening Performance: Cultural performance
9:20 – 10:00 AM	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <u>AI statistics software (AI-STAT) in WURI analysis</u> (President Kyung Sung Kim)
10:00 – 10:30 AM	<b>Plenary Session</b> <u>WURI Global Ranking Release</u> (President Kyung Sung Kim) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Global Rankings (Top 500)</li> <li>● Categorical Rankings (Top 100 in 24 categories)</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:40 AM	Group Photo/ Media Interview
10:30 – 11:00 AM	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Networking (moving to parallel venues)</b>
11:00 – 12:30 PM	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> <u>Mentors, Entrepreneurs, and Partners in Higher Education</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Certified WURI Mentor (CWM) Program  -Living Lab (Chair: Commissioner Aldrin Darilag) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Orientation for new and prospective CWMs-</li> <li>● Experience sharing by experienced CWMs</li> </ul> </li> <li>14. Investor Relations (IR) Presentations by AI-Based Startups for Higher Education Institutions – Lecture Hall  (Chair: Professor Hun-Seok Oh) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Startup A: LucasMeta (Hye-won Han)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Star tup B: Huemone Lab (Hyung-Sang Cho)</li> <li>● Startup C: Kiga (Young-Mi Seo)</li> <li>● Startup D: Aptimizer (Hun-Seok Oh)</li> <li>● Startup E: Hakutaku.AI (Raduan Muarrek) from Inteli</li> <li>● Startup F: FutureRISE AI (Jezreel Larry Caunca)</li> </ul> <p>15. WURI-AUAP Joint Workshop: WURI Rankings as a Catalyst for Advancing Nation-Specific Goals in Higher Educationveness-Octagon Hall (Chair: Dr. Supaporn Chuangchid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali</li> <li>● Graduate University of Mongolia</li> <li>● Central Mindanao University</li> <li>● Panpacific Unviersity</li> <li>● Rizal Technological University</li> <li>● Visayas State University</li> <li>● Davao Oriental State University</li> <li>● Siam University</li> </ul>
12:30– 2:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b> ( <i>served at each meeting venue</i> )
Afternoon Session	
2:00 – 3:30 PM	<p><b>Parallel Sessions</b></p> <p><u>World University Networks for Innovation Meetings</u></p> <p>16. WUNI-Presidents-Performing Arts Theater (Networking, collaboration, and planning) Chair Elyxzur Ramos, University of Makati</p> <p>17. WURI-Leaders-Lecture Hall (Networking, collaboration, and planning) Chair Robert Hayden, Miriam College</p> <p>18. WUNI-Experts-Octagon Hall (Networking, collaboration, and planning) Chair Henry Magat, University of Makati</p>
X3:30 – 4:00 PM	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Networking (moving to plenary venue)</b>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	<p><b>Plenary Session</b></p> <p><u>WURI in the Future</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “With Whom to Innovate” as the Fourth Axis</li> <li>● Accreditation of universities and Validation of programs</li> </ul>
4:30 – 5:00 PM	<b>Multilateral MOU Signing Ceremony for all Presidents of parcipating universities</b>
5:00 – 6:15PM	<b>HLU Annual Conference---General Assembly</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduction of <b>2026 WURI-AUAP Impact Summit</b> in Bangkok, Thailand during July 8-10, 2026 (Host: Secretary General Professor Anoop Swarup of AUAP)</li> <li>● Introduction of <b>2026 WURI Global Conference</b> at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology, Deggendorf, Germany on September 23-25, 2026 (Host: President Waldemar Berg of DIT)</li> <li>● Introduction of <b>2026 WURI International Research Conference</b> at the University of Makati, Manila, the Philippines on November 18-20, 2026 (Host: President Elyxjur Ramos of UM)</li> <li>● Introduction of <b>2027 HLU Annual Conference</b> at Badr University of Cairo, Egypt on May 5-7, 2027 (Host: Prime Vice President Ibrahim Elkalla of BUC)</li> <li>● Introduction of <b>2028 HLU Annual Conference</b> at Inteli, Sao Paolo, Brazil in May, 2027 (Host: Raj Rani on behalf of President Maira Habimorad of Inteli)</li> <li>● Introduction of <b>2027 WURI Global Conference</b> on September 22-24, 2027 (Host: Provost Patrice McMahan)</li> <li>● Introduction of <b>2029 HLU Annual Conference</b> at aSSIST University in May, 2029 (Host: President Yong-Joo Choi of aSSIST University)</li> <li>● Handing of the Baton and Block from 2025-2026 HLU President Noel Yasi (President of Negro Oriental State University) to President-Elect Dong Sing Wu (President of National Chi Nan University)</li> <li>● <b>Inaugural speech by 2026-2027 HLU President Dong Sing Wu</b></li> </ul>
6:30PM	<b>Networking Banquet (including cultural performance)</b>

Day 3 – May 8, 2026 (Friday)	
<b>Cultural Tour</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Participants may choose their preferred tour destinations and are responsible for their own admission fees.</li> <li>● Detailed information for each destination will be provided in the online pre-registration form.</li> <li>● Tour arrangements and guides will be organized by <b>Washington Travel</b></li> </ul>	

<b>Agency.</b>	
Taichung Tour	HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TOUR (One-Day)
Nantou Tour	SUN MOON LAKE ONE-DAY TOUR (One-Day)