

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

Committee: Economic Development

Subject: Becoming World Class - The Tiger Economies

Conference Organiser: Advisory Scottish Council for Education and Training Targets (ASCETT)

Venue: Edinburgh

Conference Fee: £125

Date(s): 6 November 1996

Recommendation: The Director of Planning and Development recommends no attendance at this Conference.



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10 September 1996

Mr S. Cook,  
Director of Planning and Development,  
Fleming House,  
Tryst Road,  
Cumbernauld GH67 7JW.

Dear Mr Cook,

**Becoming World Class : The Tiger Economies" - 6 November 1996**

I am pleased to enclose details of a major Conference which is being organised by ASCETT in partnership with Scottish Further Education Unit (SFEU). The Conference is an important event to anyone who plays a part in developing Scotland's competitiveness and has three broad aims:

- i. to set the rise of the Tiger economies in a global context;
- ii. to understand the role education and training is playing in their economic success;
- iii. to overview the relationship between their industrial system and vocational education and training.

Keynote addresses will be given by renowned international speakers and commentators on the changing global economy and the contribution of education and training to economic success. In the afternoon delegates will have the opportunity to look more closely at the education and training systems of Japan, Korea, Singapore or Taiwan.

We are anticipating representation at the highest level and hope that you and your colleagues will be interested in attending. We look forward to welcoming you to the Conference.

Yours sincerely,

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ADVISORY SCOTTISH COUNCIL  
FOR EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING TARGETS (ASCETT)

ASCETT was established by the Secretary of State for Scotland in March 1993. It is an independent, industry-led body which has forged links with a range of organisations in Scotland, at national and local level.

The Council's remit is to:

- oversee and report annually on progress towards the *Education and Training Targets for a Competitive Scotland* and to advise government on performance and policies needed to achieve them;
- provide employer leadership throughout Scotland in raising the skill levels implied by the targets.



SCOTTISH FURTHER  
EDUCATION UNIT (SFEU)

The Scottish Further Education Unit, established in 1991, supports developments in further education in Scotland and offers practical support to further education colleges by way of professional networks; organisation and enterprise consultancy; software development and curriculum and guidance advice. SFEU, based in Stirling and with its own purpose built conference suite, hosts seminars and conferences for the sector, which facilitates understanding and implications of initiatives. SFEU is also active in supporting strategic planning for the sector.

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Becoming World Class:  
*The Tiger Economies*

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Annual Conference

*Edinburgh International Conference Centre  
6th November 1996*



## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This conference is an important event to anyone who plays a part in developing Scotland's competitiveness. It will bring together leaders from the public and private sectors to examine and discuss the changes in the global economy with a particular focus on South East Asia and the central role education and training now plays in economic success. What can Scotland learn from the approach in South East Asia?

The conference has three broad aims:

- i. to set the rise of the South East Asian economies in a global context;
- ii. to understand the role education and training is playing in their economic success;
- iii. to overview the vocational education and training system and its relationship with the industrial system in Taiwan, Singapore, Japan or Korea.

This conference forms part of ASCETT's ongoing research into the education and training systems of Scotland's economic competitors. The latest piece of research, which will be published at the end of 1996, is an international comparative perspective on the process of change in vocational education and training in six countries. SFEU has a national role in researching and developing vocational education and training in Scotland.

## PROGRAMME

- 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.30 Welcome, Conference Introduction and Objectives  
*John Ward, Chairman, ASCETT*
- 9.45 Global Economy  
*Jonathan Storey, INSEAD, France*
- 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.45 Education, Training and the Global Economy  
*David Ashton, Centre for Labour Market Studies, University of Leicester, UK*
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 Parallel Country Sessions  
– Singapore, Taiwan, Korea, Japan
- 3.30 Coffee break
- 4.00 Fast Forward or Rewind:  
Manpower Planning and Human Resource  
Development Issues in the Asia Pacific Region  
*Matt Ngui, University of Wollongong, Australia*
- 4.30 Closing Session and Questions  
*John Ward, Chairman, ASCETT*
- 5.00 Conference close

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

### David Ashton

*Professor of Sociology and Director of the Centre for Labour Market Studies, Leicester University*

Author of the recently widely acclaimed book 'Education, Training and the Global Economy'. His interests lie in examining the notion that simply more or better education and training will inevitably bring economic success. He writes on the institutional and historical determinants of routes to low or high skill formation in industrialised economies and the new routes to skill formation found in the dynamic Pacific Rim economies. He has co-authored books on education and training on Canada, UK, Hong Kong, Singapore, China, labour markets and youth training policy. He is currently in the process of researching a book on South East Asian education and training.

### Matt Ngui

*University of Wollongong, Australia*

Matt teaches and advises on Asia Pacific relations, trade, international education policy and minority issues. In 1993 he was appointed the programme manager for the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Forum, the major regional policy development body in the Asia Pacific. He represents Australia at the APEC Human Resource Development in Industrial Technology (HURDIT) Network and the APEC Human Resource Development Working Group. He has written extensively on education and training issues in South East Asia.

### Tim Down

*Department for Education & Employment*

Tim recently completed research on the skill supply strategies in six countries: Taiwan, Italy, The Netherlands, Denmark, New Zealand and Canada. Prior to this he was Head of Training Strategy in the then Department of Employment.

## BOOKING FORM

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