

APERA Fellowship Conferment Ceremony
27 November 2008, Raffles Marina, Singapore

Prof Lee Sing Kong, Director of NIE,
Prof Anthony Cheung, President of HKIEd,
Prof Oon Seng Tan and Prof Ong Kim Lee, APERA Conference Co-Chairs,
Prof Yin Cheong Cheng, President of APERA,
Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening!

APERA was established in 2001 with the vision to promote quality educational research to inform education policy making and practice in the region. To acknowledge scholars on their meritorious service to education research, APERA awards fellowship to outstanding individuals who are recognized by their peers as bringing about impacts through their research in education. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the APERA Board received and supported unanimously at the Board Meeting on 25 Nov 2008 two nominations for the inaugural APERA Fellowship.

Colleagues, I am deeply honoured to present to you APERA Fellow, distinguished Professor Colin Power. Prof Power is internationally recognized for his outstanding contributions to education. Currently President of World Education Fellowship (Australia), Prof Power is Chair of Commonwealth Consortium of Education, Adjunct Prof at the University of Queensland, Fellow of the Australian College of Educators, Emeritus Prof of Education at Flinders University. Prof Power was founding Ed-in-Chief of Education Research for Policy and Practice, the official J of APERA, and Founding Chair of Eidos Institute. Prof Power has held the position of Deputy Director-General of UNESCO. He was the “E” in UNESCO and had led many important projects in the Region, including the Delors Report, which provided the framework for Education Reform in the Region and beyond. Author and co-author of 15 books and over 250 published works on education, Prof Power has devoted totally to “quality education directed to the full development of human potential”. His passion for education is best reflected in his own words, “quality education ... is a global public good, the key to peace, development, social cohesion and democracy in the 21st century.” In order to support young researchers, Prof Power has donated his income as ERPP editor and established the APERA-ERPP Young Researcher Award for the best article submitted to APERA/ERPP. May I now invite Prof Anthony Cheung, Director of HKIEd, to present the Award of APERA Fellow to a distinguished scholar, educator, and global citizen whose impact on peace and progress is beyond the Asia

Pacific Region, Prof Colin Power.

There are 2 inaugural APERA Fellows supported unanimously by the Board. I am tremendously honoured to have the privilege to present to you APERA Fellow, Prof Yin Cheong CHENG. Prof Cheng needs no introduction. His keynote presentation demonstrated for us first-hand the deep and innovative theorising that has direct and significant implications for education and future of mankind. Prof Cheng is Vice President (R&D) of HKIEd, Founding member of APERA, and President of APERA 2004-2008. In his keynote yesterday, Prof Cheng mentioned about the Education Reform Syndrome in the Asia Pacific Region but he was very modest and did not point out that he was actually one of those great brains and sources of inspiration behind many education reform initiatives in the Region. Prof Cheng is prolific in his publications, and has published over 20 books, and more than 200 book chapters and journal articles in School Based Management and paradigm shift in education. He has won numerous awards for his research. Importantly, his work has been translated into 7 other languages and his model of Contextualised Multiple Intelligence has been applied to business, medicine and fields other than education. The success of APERA 2006 Conference under Prof Cheng's leadership has put APERA on the map. It has started a great tradition of APERA success which we witness in this current APERA 2008 Conference. May I invite Prof Lee Sing Kong, Director of NIE, to present the Award of APERA Fellowship to eminent scholar, educator, and researcher whose research and leadership has significant impacts on education policy and practice beyond the Asia Pacific Region, Prof Yin Cheong Cheng.

Magdalena Mo Ching Mok,

Executive Director, APERA

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