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Global University Counsellor Connect April 10-11 2015, Singapore

We are excited to announce the inaugural Global University Counsellor Connect, a two-day workshop for school based university/higher education counsellors working in Asia, organised by university counsellors working at international and local schools in Singapore.

There are now many schools in Asia like ours, where our students are not focussed on higher education in any one particular country. It is common for a student to apply to university in Singapore, the UK, the US and possibly Canada or Australia. They will then make a decision based on their acceptances and although the systems are so different, they are happy in any. Hence, as university counsellors we need to have an appreciation and expertise on university options in various countries.

As far as we know there isn't a conference for us school based university counsellors that is international in its outlook, and most of us don't have the budget or the time to attend a few conferences every year. Therefore we are planning a small conference for university counsellors with sessions that are country specific as well as degree focused. Some examples are as follows:

- Explore tertiary options in Canada, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong
- Global foundation course opportunities
- Where in the world could you go to study courses like Architecture, Fine Arts, Medicine
- What does "fit" mean? How do students make a list of universities to apply to? (US)
- How can students and teachers write more effective personal statements and references? (UK)

We have university admissions representatives from Australia, Canada, Singapore, the UK and the US confirmed who will run workshops together with school university counsellors.

The conference will be held at SJI International School in Singapore on April 10th and 11th, 2015. The cost for the two-day conference is SGD 250. This includes all meals over the two days but does not include flights, accommodation, travel related expenses etc.

We are working very hard to make this an affordable option for all participants. All session leaders are donating their time and SJI International is donating the facilities and resources. We are working with a hotel near the school to secure attractive rates for participants who would like to stay there. However SJI International is centrally located and easily accessible by public transport from most parts of Singapore.

We are excited about this new venture and look forward to learning together. If you or anyone from your school would like to attend please register online at <http://goo.gl/muZd6U>. While we are not asking for your payment at this time we seek your cooperation in making a sincere commitment to help with our planning. We will then send you more detailed information in early January.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Sincerely

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