2016 TAFE Study Tour to Singapore and Korea

OBJECTIVES OF THE TOUR

In 2015 TAFEs from three Australian States visited Singapore as part of the inaugural TAFE Study Tour to Asia. The tour was an outstanding success and many of the conclusions drawn on the tour informed a report (www.dandolo.com.au/TAFE) focused on training for the digital economy, with a major focus on Asia. The report was launched at the TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) annual conference in September 2015.

Due to significant interest the decision has been taken to conduct a similar – but expanded – study tour in 2016. TDA has provided its support for the initiative recognising that it will assist in driving deeper linkages between TAFEs and industry. The tour, which will again be sponsored by SingTel Optus and Cisco, will include visits to Singapore and South Korea.

While technology disruption will feature prominently in the study tour, it is not a technology roadshow. As was the case in 2015, the tour is intended to focus on business challenges and implications. Participants are not expected to bring technical knowledge to the discussions. The tour will aim to explore a range of issues including:

- Preparing for jobs of the future
- Improving job readiness
- Forging new industry partnerships
- Transforming teaching and learning through technology
- Applying a smart campus mindset to all aspects of training delivery
- Managing critical threats including cyber security

DATES AND DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE TOUR

The tour is intended to run for four full days. The tour will commence with a welcome dinner on Sunday 3rd April and conclude on the afternoon of Thursday April 7th.

Day 1: Sunday April 3rd 2016. SINGAPORE

Arrival and welcome dinner.

Day 2: Monday April 4th 2015. SINGAPORE

Morning session:
Executive briefings at the SingTel Global Headquarters related to major technology trends in VET in Asia. Briefings will be provided by executives from both Optus and Cisco, and opportunities for brief demonstrations. Major focus on Smart Cities and Smart Campus initiatives

Afternoon session:
Site visit to a Singapore Polytechnic hosted by executives from a range of functions.
Dinner

Day 3: Tuesday April 5th 2015. SINGAPORE to KOREA

Morning session:
Site visit to a second Singapore Polytechnic

Afternoon:
TRAVEL TO SEOUL, KOREA

Day 4: Wednesday April 6th 2015. SOUTH KOREA

Late morning session:
Visit to Songdo International Business District (Songdo IBD) - a new smart city or "ubiquitous city" built from scratch on 600 hectares (1,500 acres) of reclaimed land along Incheon’s waterfront. Songdo is recognized as one of the most technologically progressive cities in the world and is located 65 kilometres southwest of Seoul, South Korea.

Afternoon:
Cisco Executive Briefing, with a focus on the impact of technology on teaching and learning and the student experience. The briefing will be held at Cisco’s innovation and IoE centre at Songdo.

Dinner in Seoul

Day 5: Thursday April 7th 2015. SOUTH KOREA

Morning session:
Site visit to training institution in Seoul

Closing lunch in Seoul

COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND LOGISTICS AND REGISTRATION

All participants are expected to pay for their own travel arrangements (airfares and accommodation). Participants are requested to stay at nominated hotels in destination cities, but it is not compulsory. All other aspects of the program – including facilitation by dandolopartners and land transport – are provided by the sponsors of the tour (SingTel Optus and Cisco).

Places on the executive-level tour are strictly limited and strong interest has already been expressed. We strongly encourage those wanting to be part of the tour to register their interest with Brad Davies (braddavies@dandolo.com.au) by September 30.

Should you have any questions about the tour Brad can be contacted on 0412 256 004.