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CENTRE FOR EDUCATION BEYOND CURRICULUM (CEDBEC)
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TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TQMS)

**Sub: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EXAMINATION REFORMS IN HIGHER
EDUCATION FOR UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
DECEMBER, 15-17, 2010**

We are pleased to inform you that the **Total Quality Management System (TQMS), Christ University, Bangalore**, is organizing a National Conference on “**Examination Reforms in Higher Education for Universities and Colleges**” from December 15-17, 2010

CONCEPT

The notification D.O.No. F.1-2/2008 (XI Plan) March 2009 “*Action Plan for Academic and Administrative Reforms*” referred higher education in India has thus far been largely examination-centered. Examination only at the end of academic session or year, more often than not, insulates students from the quest of knowledge, the excitement of discovery and joy of learning. Often the annual examination, along with marks, percentages and divisions, leads to insensitive cramming up of superficial information. It is surprising that in several instances, university-certified degree-holders are subjected to fresh written examination, before they are accepted for jobs in public and private sectors.

Most universities and institutions of higher education in Western Europe and North America base the assessment of their students wholly on ‘internal evaluation’, following the principle, ‘those who teach should evaluate.’ However, looking into the prevailing conditions in India, an adoption of this approach would be too radical or abrupt. Given these considerations, it may be more prudent that the assessment of student performance be carried out through a combination of internal and external evaluation. Hence, the conference envisages discussing the above issues as an urgent need in order to adopt progressive and precautionous initiatives towards the reforms.

OBJECTIVES

- To analyze experience and status of reforms introduced in their respective Universities.
- To enable Universities to bring about reforms in examination pattern that are viable, realistic and would address emerging challenges of higher education
- To measure knowledge acquisition and competence of students.
- To recommend a broad based examination system - for testing the competence rather testing the ignorance!
- To benchmark on key areas to enable changes in respective Universities.

METHODOLOGY

The dynamics of the conference have been crafted to accommodate keynote presentations, paper presentations and working sessions.

DELEGATE PROFILE

Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Deans of Colleges and Universities, Principals, Vice Principals, Administrators of Colleges, Faculty of Higher Educational Institutions and Professionals interested in the theme.

VENUE:

Seminar Room, Centre for Total Quality Management System (TQMS), Christ Junior College Block, IV floor.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited on the following themes:

- Current Examination System in Higher Education - Efficacy and Limitation.
- Benchmarking Standards of Examination – Prospects and Implementation Problems.
- Prevailing Credit Based System Practices- Advantages and Disadvantages
- Continuous Internal Assessment as a Component of Examination System - Reliability and Accountability
- Alternative Examination Practices Open Book/ Open Web / Online Examination System:
- Digitizing Examination System –Security, Accuracy and Accountability.
- Abolishing Formal Examination System – Prospects and Pitfalls.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A number of experts on the subject will be addressing the major themes of the conference. Exclusive research based papers on the above themes by experts and individuals interested in the subject of the conference are invited. Preference will be given to research papers, case studies and the like.

FULL LENGTH PAPER

Papers should not exceed 3000 words, typed in single column, with 1.5 lines spacing, in Times New Roman 12 font. The first page should include the paper title, author's name/s, postal address and telephone number.

SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION OF PAPERS

A participant intending to present a paper in the conference should prepare an abstract of about 100 words. **The abstract along with the completed registration form and registration fee should be sent to the undersigned on or before October 6, 2010. The full length paper should be submitted on or before November 15, 2010.** The paper must be presented only by the author or co-author. Abstracts and full length papers can be sent in an MS word attachment by e-mail to cedbec@christuniversity.in

PAPER PRESENTATION IS NOT MANDATORY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Last date for submission of abstract : October 6, 2010
- Last date for submission of full length paper : November 15, 2010
- **Last date for registration : November 30, 2010**

REGISTRATION

Outstation participants

Rs. 3000/- per participant (includes food and accommodation at the Centre for Academic Excellence, Christ University campus).

Local participants

Rs. 2000/- per participant (includes lunch & tea on all days of the conference).

Payment details

D/D to be drawn in favour of “**Christ University, Bangalore**” payable at Bangalore.

For more information/ clarification, you may contact

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