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SUT JOINS AS PANELIST IN THE DIGITAL UNIVERSITIES ASIA 2023 BY TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION

On May 9 2023, SUT's Director of Center for Educational Innovation and Technology, Dr. Sorachai Kamollimsakul, represented the university in a panel session in the widely known regional event organized by Times Higher Education called, THE Digital Universities Asia 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during May 8-10, 2023.



The panel session was titled "HyFlex education in VUCA world"



which reflects the current challenges of higher education in dealing with volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity that shapes our world. Hybrid and flexible learning offers learners optional face-to-face, online classroom or on-demand learning experiences to best suit the learners to achieve the desired learning outcome. Dr.Sorachai was among the panelists along with speakers from National University of Singapore, University of Reading Malaysia, Shoolini University, in a session moderated by a chair from Indonesia Cyber Education Institute. The session touched aspects of important lessons learnt from VUCA, how HyFlex transformation can help improve student learning in the changing world, how to incorporate HyFlex approaches in the institution policy, and the risks and challenges arising from HyFlex education.



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Dr. Sorachai shares his view with representatives from digital universities across Asia on how SUT has adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic by adopting HyFlex learning to promote flexible, adaptive and responsive learning to prepare students for a VUCA world. SUT embraces these changes by offering diverse array of micro-credential modular courses on a lifelong learning digital platform called, XLANE. Launched since the COVID-19 crisis, SUT's XLANE has been deployed for the public, local community learners, and upskill-reskill employees in the industry. Upon completion of the XLANE courses, a digital certificate/digital badges is earned with credits collected in a credit bank scheme which may later be conferred to a degree later on.



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