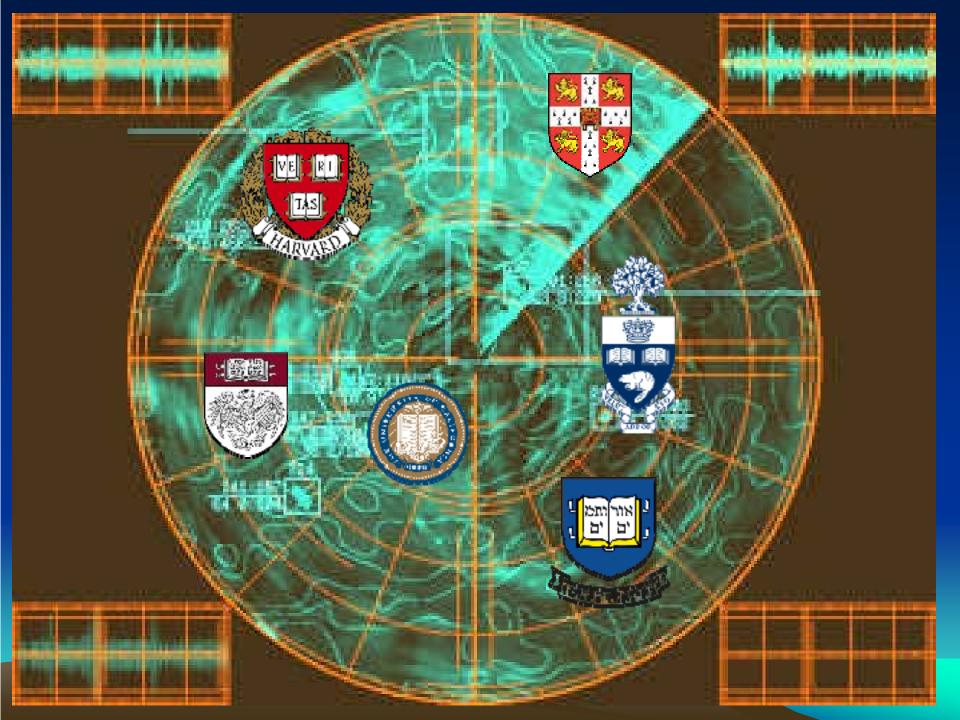
# New Paradigm of 21st Century Higher Education in East Asia: Governance, Accountability and Autonomy

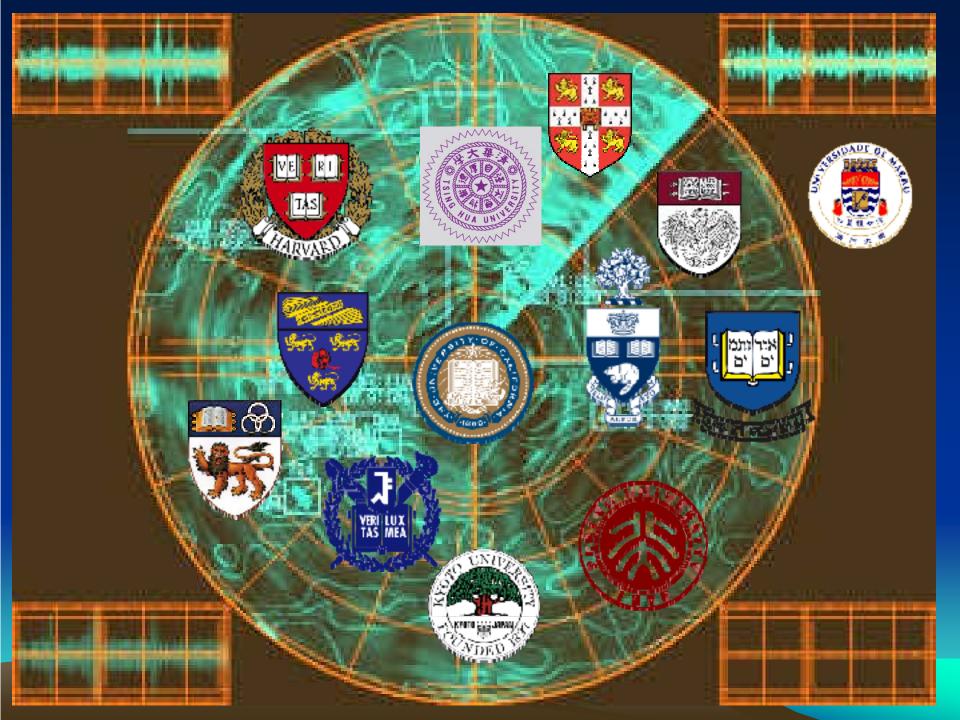
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# Three or four decades, higher education radar screen looks like this...



## Today, it looks like this...with Macau trying to break into the screen...



Asia Universities have transformed from supplying talents for the Western World to supplying the most talented workforce for humanity in the 21st century!

# 工欲善其事。

To do a better job, you must broaden your knowledge and sharpen your skills.





In 2007, after coming from the **United States to National Cheng** Kung University, I learned for the first time in my life a new terminology!

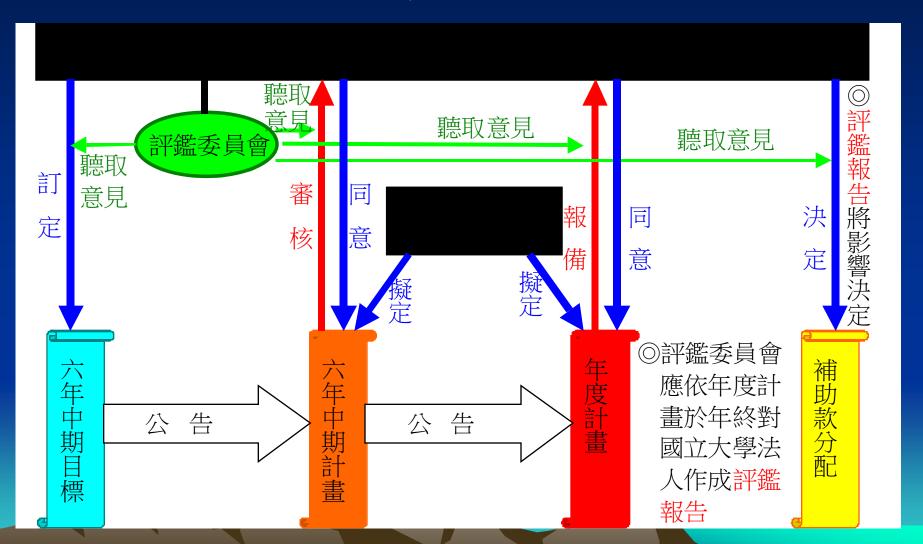
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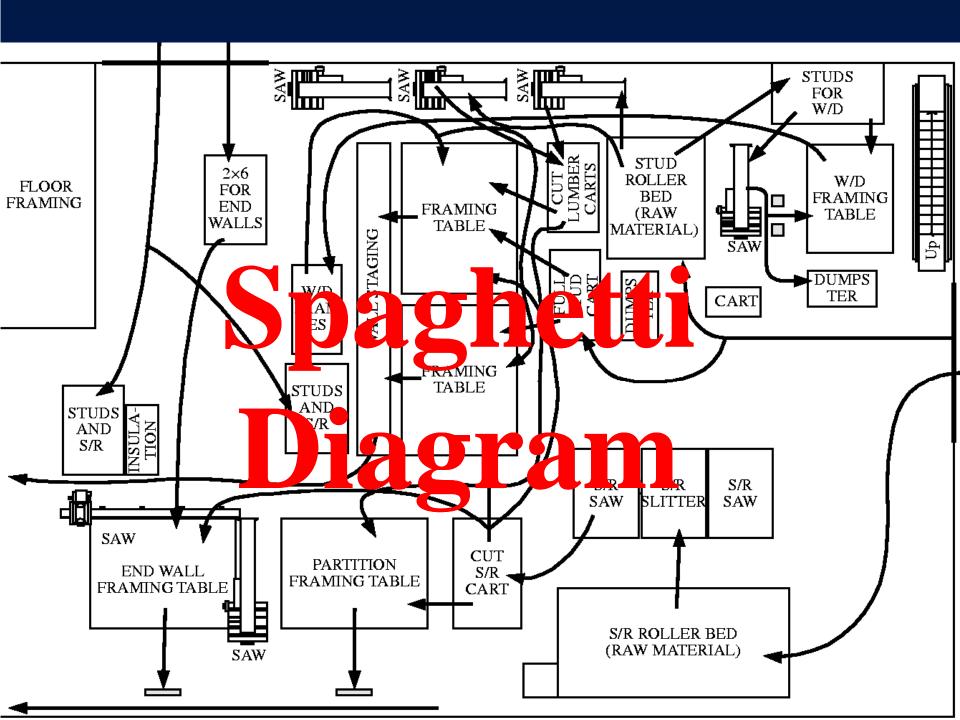
To pursue this, Ministry of Education commissioned a group of academicians with administrative legal expertise to develop a process to garry out this fundamental education transformational!

### 教育部與國立大學法人之關係4-3國立大學法人評鑑流程



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# This diagram reminded me of the so-called....



Without extensive and indepth communications with all stakeholders, the process was naturally and understandably stalled!

Then I also found out that in the 21st century, Higher Education FRH seemed to have swept Asia Pacific

# 1997, Japan Started to discuss IRH

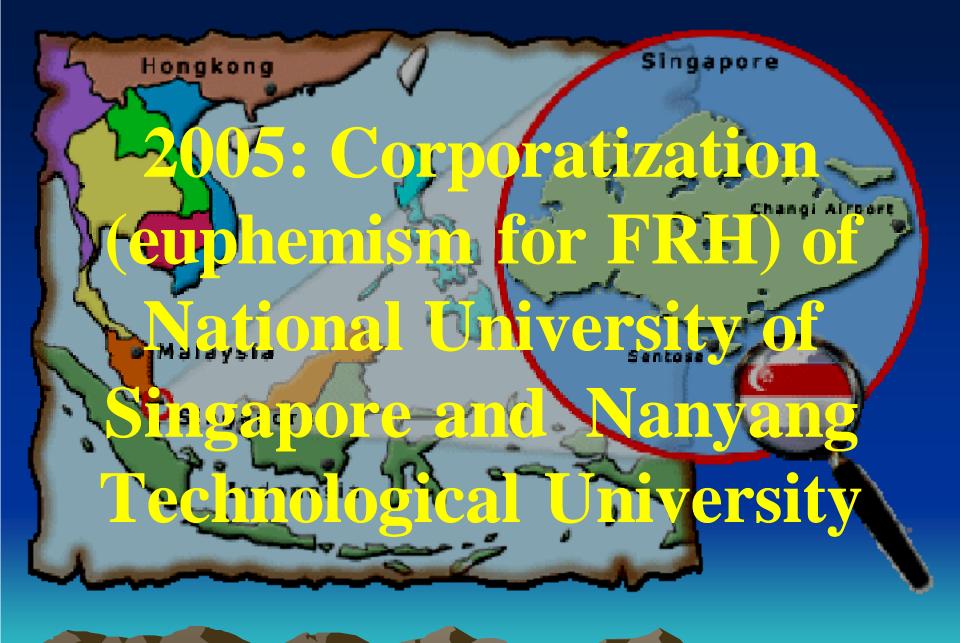
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2004, Japan initiated FRH for all national universities

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Nagasaki

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### January 2012, Seoul National University after several years of "struggle" is now fully corporatized!

# So what is Fai-Ren-Hua?

After much struggle, and combining what I know about US higher education system, I decided that FRH should be replaced by three words:

### Governance, Accountability, Autonomy

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### Why is GOVERNANCE

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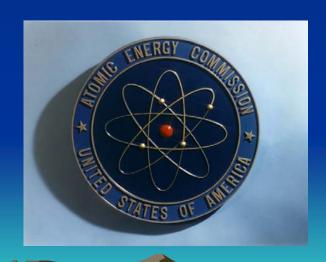
While teaching is fundamental, the structure of how a university operates, hence the GOVERNANCE, so that every stakeholder can reach his/her potential within this complex human organization is even more important!



## Four decades ago: Vice President for Research was a "non-job!"

#### Rubber Stamp proposals







#### **Today:**

#### Complex funding sources















#### Vice President for Research today

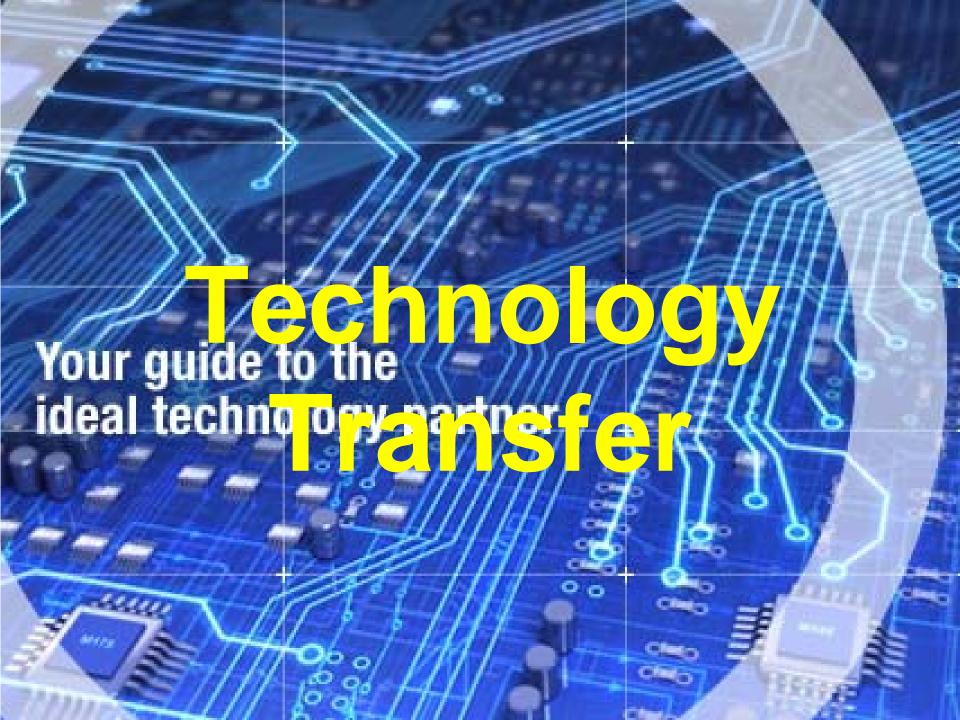
Push and develop research programs

**Economic developments** 

Government and Industrial Relations interface









Vice President for Research and X (X= research directions, economic development, government and industrial relations, tech transfer office, IP...) requires a person with vast intellectual and administrative skills

It is a full time and intensive position. Requires strategic and problematic thinking, beyond the usual bureaucracy!



#### Vice President for Research in Taiwan

1. Name is inappropriate. Dean of Research

2. The person holds a "full time" joint appointment as a faculty. Usually could not fully devote to strategic thinking and planning.



I would be remiss if I did not mention about my friend Professor Peretz Lavie who became president of the TECHNION after many years as Vice **President for External Relations and** Resource evelopment







# What did we learn from these case studies?

## Governance must be a dynamical process

Administrators must treat the position as full time and with strategic minded attitude. Academic issues are no longer the only ones within a research universities today!

#### **Bottom line:**

We are entering a totally different higher education landscape and university governance must be extraordinarily agile in order to be ahead of social, economic and intellectual developments.

#### Accountability

#### Bottom line

## Performance metrics!





Both in the news!

## Lin as a Knick player and Suh as President of KAIST are both PUBLIC FIGURES and PERFORMERS!



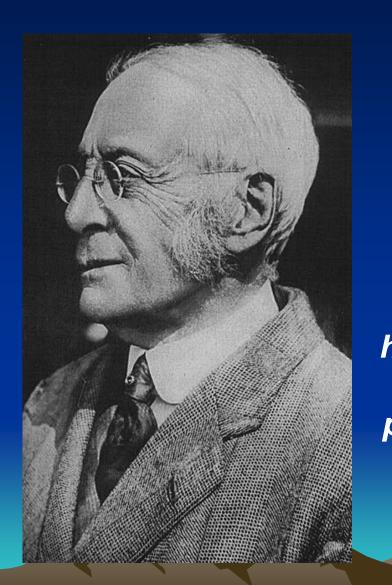
Hence Lin is recountable, which is measured in REAL TIME, to his fans (from local, to national and now international!)

# The metrics of measuring Nam P. Suh as President of KAIST is almost infinitely more nebulous!

### Different stakeholders may, and general do, have different metrics

Students
Staff
Faculty
Board of Regents
Society (as a public university)

In general, I believe it cannot be carried out in a fully democratic manner, which will inevitably has the danger of reducing to the lowest common denomination!



"... a university, in any worthy sense of the term, must grow from seed. It cannot be transplanted from England or Germany (United States) in full leaf and bearing. ... When the American (Asia Pacific) university appears, it will not be a copy of foreign institutions, or a hot-bed plant, but the slow and natural outgrowth of American (Asia Pacific) social and political habits... The American (Asia Pacific) college is an institution without a parallel; the American (Asia Pacific) university will be equally original."

> Charles Eliot, Harvard President 1869-1909

It is fundamental that Asia universities must work out accountability process in order to fulfill their destiny of becoming one of the, if not the, most important higher education centers of the Globe in the 21st century!

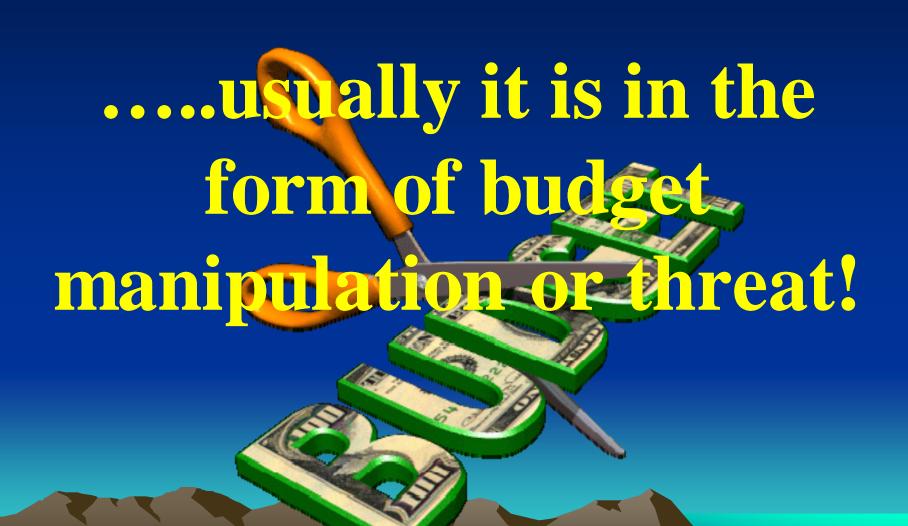
#### LAST BUT NOT LEAST

#### Why is AUTONOMY important?

#### In a nutshell:

## TO ENSURE ACADEMIC INTEGRITY!





## Case Study: University System of Georgia Chairman of the Board Hank Huckaby





This is a system of 35 public colleges and universities, with a combined endowment of approx. \$2.5 billion.

Georgia Tech
University of Georgia
Georgia State University

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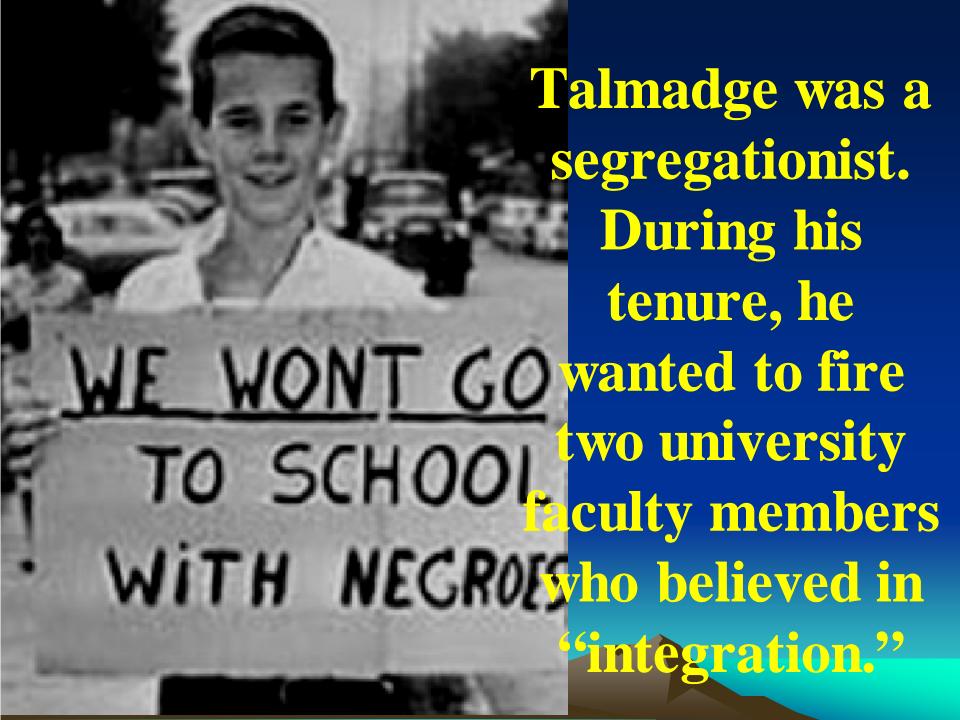
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# Georgia's Governor Eugene Talmadge 1941-1943

Before Talmadge, the budget for each college and university in Georgia System of Universities was individually decided by the State appropriation.



**Because the State** controlled the budget of each college and university, Talmadge wanted to cut the budget of the schools which the faculty members reside.

When the Board of Regents declined to go along with Talmadge's order, he fired the entire board, replacing them with members who would abide by his demands. Ten public colleges and universities ended up losing their accreditation over the incident and Talmadge lost his first ever-gubernatorial contest.

To ensure non-political interference of academic integrity, the State of Georgia made the decision that the annual budget will be one lump sum to the Board of Regents. The State has NO SAY as to how the budget is to be distributed.

... I am confident that if Georgia's colleges and universities do not have autonomy from the State Government, then it is unlikely that Georgia Tech, University of Georgia and even Georgia State University today would be as great as they are!



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#### University Governance and Autonomy Problems in Managing Access, Quality and Accountability

Keynote Address to ADB Conference on University Governance
Denpasar, Indonesia
April 26, 2004

"...the long history of universities built on a culture of autonomy has produced a great deal in the history of the western world and increasingly in the history of the world entire. I believe there is no reason to doubt that our universities will continue to make significant contributions if they are able by the means I have suggested to defend their autonomy and to avoid becoming victims of repoliticization and control."

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