





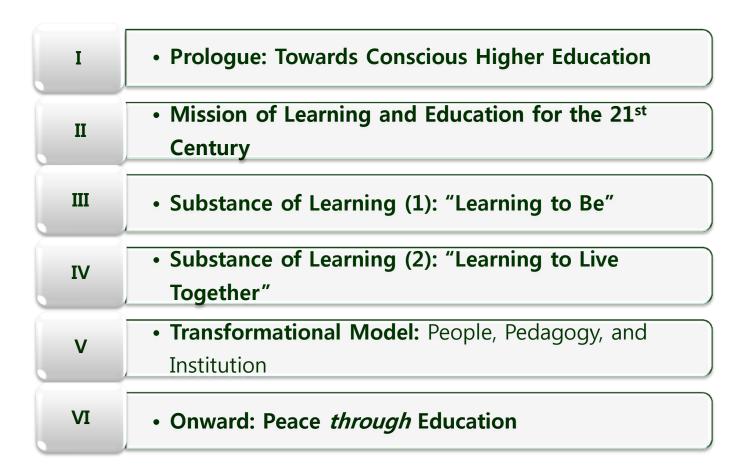
Towards a Community Learning In the Age of "Learning to Be" and "Learning to Live Together"

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Prologue: the Journey of Kyung Hee Toward Conscious Higher Education









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"Indeed, the signs of the times tell us that the 'age of co-operation' has come. The only feasible way in which we can improve the world situation is to enter into the gate of 'Common Prosperity' on the basis of enlightened self-interest."

- Dr. Young Seek Choue, founder of Kyung Hee University (1965), 1st IAUP Conference, Oxfordshire



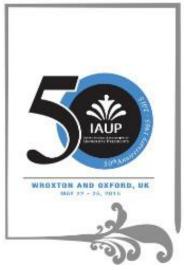
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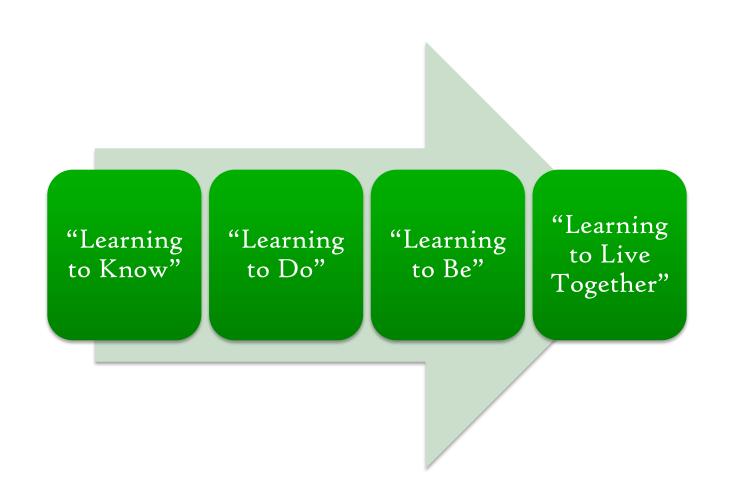








Mission of Education and Learning In the 21st Century



Substance of Learning: "Learning to Be"

Consciousness: Two Dimensions of Awareness

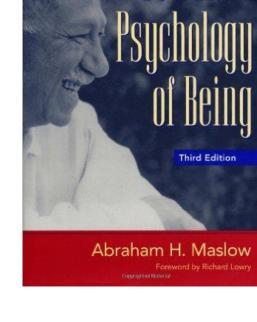
- I. Who are we? Mission
 - My ultimate (and ontological) lifetime purpose?
 - Reflective thinking on Self; Being
- 2. My footsteps on Earth? Impact
 - What is the right thing to do? My behavior? (Justice)



Substance of Learning: "Learning to Be"

Selected Psychological Characteristics of Self-Actualization

- Superior perception of reality (more authentic, less influenced by idealization)*
- Increased acceptance of self, of others, of nature
- Increased in problem-centering (removing self from the equation; not interested in being a hero)
- Greater freshness of appreciation, and richness of emotional reaction
- Increased identification with the human species
- More democratic character structure (genuine sense of equality, fairness)
- Greatly increased creativity
- Changes in value system (values shift from materialistic, narcissistic influences to others-centered influence)



^{*}Explanation in italics added by authors.

Source: Abraham H. Maslow, *Toward a Psychology of Being*, Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1968, p. 26

Substance of Learning: "Learning to Be"

- self-awareness and awareness of others
- cultural empathy and globality
- principled decision-making
- social responsibility
- ecological sustainability

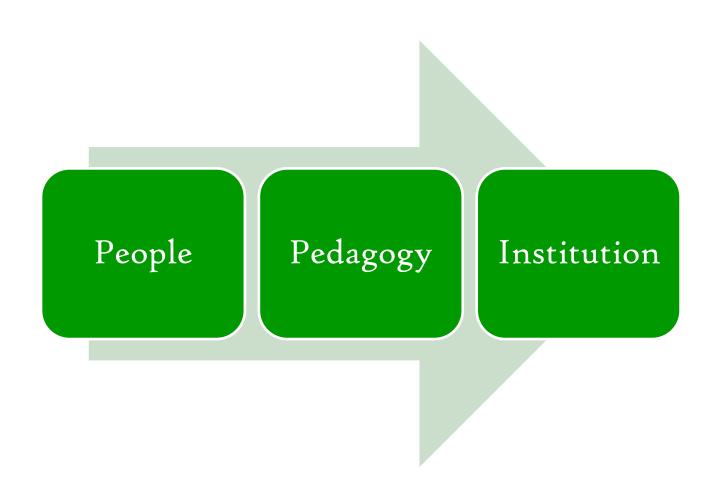


Substance of Learning: "Learning to Live Together"

- understanding of others, of their history, their tradition, and their spirituality
- from independent to interdependent
- global citizenship and responsibility

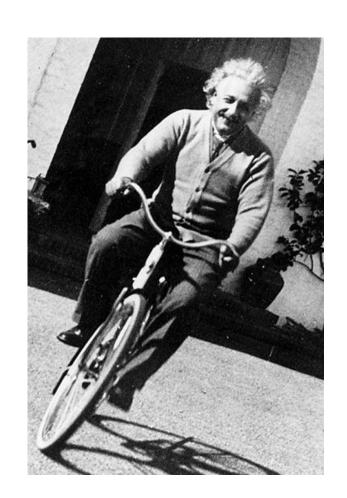


The Transformational Model: People, Pedagogy, and Institution



Transformational Model: People

- towards a conscious professor
- planned learning vs. emergent learning
- value of values in learning
- stakeholder participation
- referent power based leadership



Transformational Model: pedagogy

- emerging knowledge and experiential learning
- tans-disciplinary teams
- from hypothesis testing to sense-making exploration
- holistic system approach



Transformational Model: institution

- redefining purpose, vision and values
- curriculum design based on complex system approach
- multi-stakeholder
 participation (open system
 approach
- community of learning



Epilogue: Towards a Community of Learning



- Spirit of Kyo-Hak-Sang-Jang
 - towards a community of learning

Epilogue: Towards Conscious Human Development *trough* Education

- Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature.
 - Pope Francis, (Laudato Si, 215)

