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Dr Pradeep Kumar Nair Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Taylor's University, Malaysia



Dr Pradeep is highly experienced as an educator and leader, having been in HE for 24 years. Key positions held include: COO, Taylor's College, Petaling Jaya & Taylor's Business School (2005-2009); COO, Taylor's School of Hospitality & Tourism (2001-2009); and currently, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Taylor's University (TU) since 2009.

Under Dr Pradeep's leadership, awards earned include: Culinary Institution of the Year (2012 World Gourmet Summit); Hospitality Institution of the Year (Hospitality Asia - 2008, 2010, 2012 & 2014); Putra Brand Gold Award for TU (2010 - 2014 consecutively); and Reader's Digest Trusted Brand Gold Award for TU, from 2011 - 2014 consecutively.

Dr Pradeep himself is also highly decorated for his contributions to the TH&E field, in 2012 winning the World Education Congress Leadership Excellence Award for Exemplary Leadership in HE, and also being selected as one of the Top 100 Personalities in Hospitality by Hospitality Asia Magazine (2008). For his contributions to TH&E education, in particular the setting up of the National Hotel Industry Apprenticeship Scheme, he received the PATA Gold Award for Education and Training and, later, the title KMN (Officer of the Order of the Defender of the Realm) by His Majesty, the King of Malaysia.

Being an active contributor to research and publications with interests in Academic Staff Integration and Development, Talent Management Strategies and Hospitality and Tourism Education, Dr Pradeep currently has oversight of 11 Schools and 3 Centres at TU - where he leads the university's efforts to introduce new teaching and learning standards and practices including widespread use of technology in lectures. He also lectures at post-graduate level and is a sought-after corporate trainer and speaker, having given over 30 keynote addresses and speeches, including the keynote address at the 7th China-ASEAN International Co-operation Seminar on Private Education and the 1st Annual Global Congress of Knowledge Economy in 2014.

His areas of expertise include: Effective Leadership in HE; Talent Management & Managing Performance in HEIs; Developing Successful Business Plans for HEIs; Developing Successful Graduate Attributes; Enhancing Graduate Employment; Implementation of Blended Learning in HE; Holistic Education - Education of the Head, Heart and Hand; Improving Student Performance and Retention Through Analytics in HE; Marketing the 7Ps in HE; and Internationalisation in HE.

Dr Pradeep believes in sharing his knowledge and perspectives with others around him so that they may be inspired to take action, change and become purposeful citizens of the world.