

**LINC 2013 Conference**

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Dear LINC Participant:

Welcome to MIT LINC 2013, our sixth international LINC conference! Whether you have traveled from Brazil, Thailand, Pakistan, the U.K., Mexico, Kenya, India, Malaysia, or one of many other locations, we very much value your presence at LINC 2013. You, the participants of LINC 2013, represent over 40 countries, presenting 80 papers, together with 19 plenary speakers.

LINC, *Learning International Networks Consortium*, is an MIT-based all-volunteer effort started eleven years ago. By attending LINC, you have joined our LINC family, representing concerned professionals from many countries – each wanting to leverage technology to improve educational opportunities for under-served communities in their respective regions.

The theme of LINC 2013 is *“Realizing the Dream: Education Becoming Available to All. Will the World Take Advantage?”* Worldwide, education is experiencing a virtual tsunami of change, made possible by the Internet, computers and the willingness of many to post their educational content online for free -- as part of Open Educational Resources (OER). Add to this the new invention of MOOC’s, *Massive Open Online Courses*, and the ingredients for transformation are there. All of this and more will be presented, discussed and debated over the next few days.

LINC 2013 would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of our volunteers and the financial support of our sponsors, most notably Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) with its generous \$50,000 platinum sponsorship. We also thank MIT’s internal \$50,000 sponsor, the Office of Digital Learning (ODL), home of MITx, OpenCourseWare, the Office of Educational Innovation and Technology (OEIT), and other technology-enabled educational initiatives. Also at MIT, we especially thank the efforts of the Engineering Systems Division (ESD).

Please let us know how we can serve you better in your time here. Feel free to stop any one of the LINC volunteers to inquire about any issue or to make suggestions. And we will be soliciting your formal feedback in a short online evaluation questionnaire. We hope you choose to complete it after your stay with us. **Again, welcome to LINC 2013!**

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard C. Larson".

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