

## **Announcing the Introduction of the SFS Finance Cavalcade: Asia-Pacific Edition!**

The North American Edition of the SFS Finance Cavalcade, started in 2011, has grown in importance to the finance profession and proven to be a tremendous success. The 2016 edition had 977 submissions and over 400 attendees. In “Finance Conference Quality and Publication Success: A Conference Ranking” (<http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2503333>), Reinartz and Urban (2015) conclude that the SFS Finance Cavalcade is “the best large finance conference according to the subsequent publication rates in TOP3 finance journals.”

Given the increasing success of the North American edition and the evident demand for conferences of this quality in accessible locations, the SFS has decided to add an Asia-Pacific version. We expect the Asia-Pacific edition to be just as valuable to research in finance!

### **Background and An Invitation to Bid for the 2017 Cavalcade: Asia-Pacific**

The SFS Asia-Pacific Finance Cavalcade, a joint project of *The Review of Financial Studies*, *The Review of Corporate Finance Studies*, and *The Review of Asset Pricing Studies*, will be a high-quality conference covering all areas of finance. The format is 55 minutes per paper with several concurrent parallel sessions. Our goal is to provide a setting that produces the kind of in-depth participation of a smaller conference while accommodating the variety of papers of a larger one. We currently expect the 2017 Asia-Pacific Cavalcade to take place in early to mid-December.

We are accepting bids for the 2017 Asia-Pacific Cavalcade from **July 15, 2016-October 15, 2016**. Any university in Asia, Australia, New Zealand or the Pacific Basin is welcome to bid. The host school's faculty and Ph.D. students will receive complimentary registration to the conference and all events. For more information, please visit <http://sfs.org/financecavalcade/2017-sfs-finance-cavalcade-asia-pacific/>.

Bids should include a faculty and administrative contact. An indication that the school can provide facilities to host several parallel sessions and that local hotels can handle several hundred visitors. Other elements of a bid are at the university's discretion. In prior years, successful bids have included offers to provide funds for meals, receptions, snacks, events and transportation. Combinations have varied depending on the year and school.

We ask those who intend to bid to notify the Committee of their intention as early as possible. We welcome preliminary inquiries and can provide further information to scholars interested in developing a bid from their institution.