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The successful Take Off of GTU's 3rd International Experience Programme to Laurentian University



98 students of GTU travelled to Canada for the 6 week Education Programme at Laurentian University starting on 16th of June 2014. GTU had signed MoU with Laurentian University (LU) on 6th June 2011 for the faculty and students exchange programme. Since then GTU students are going for International Experience Programme at LU every year.

The batch of 98 students reached Canada between 12th and 14th June 2014. The classes started from Monday, 16th June, 2014. Classes of two of the subjects are organized for the students of Pharmacy, B.E. and MCA at LU. They will also appear in the mid semester exam for both the subjects at LU. GTU gives the credit of the marks obtained in their current semester mark sheet. The batch will be returning back on 30th July 2014.

VISA denial can restrict the growth of such a programme. Since 2011, almost all the students were able to fly to Canada for IEP due to the successful VISA grant by Canadian Embassy. To appreciate the support given by the Canadian Embassy, GTU honoured His Excellency Mr. Stewart Beck,

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Thesis of GTU's Students matches the Canadian Standards.

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Message From The Vice Chancellor



Need for widening our reach

One of the objectives of the Indo-Canadian Study Center is to encourage mobility of faculty, researchers and students. The highly successful program of sending GTU's students to Canadian Universities during the summer has been in operation since 2011. The first group in 2011 was of MBA students, who studied at University of Alberta for six weeks. Last week, the fourth group of students of B. Pharm, B.E. (Computer Engineering), BE (Information Technology) and MCA has left for Laurentian University and would start their study on Monday, 16th June 2014. The Canadian High Commission has supported the project very well. On March 24, 2012, Deputy High Commissioner, Canada¹ addresses all the GTU students, who were to leave for Canada in June 2012. He gave a brief presentation about Canada. Then he answered all the queries that the young students had about studies in Canada. In 2013, His Excellency Stewart Beck, the High Commissioner of Canada, himself visited GTU.

TARGETS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR: One of the objectives of the Indo-Canadian Center is to host visiting professors, delegations from Universities and Industries and Businesses of Canada and to organize public events and lectures by bringing scholars, diplomats and politicians from Canada to the campus. However we have not succeeded in having many events of this kind. The Center will have to maintain an active liaison with the officers at the High Commission, who work for development of cultural relations between India and Canada.

There are a few similar Centers in Canada. The Canada-India Center² at Carleton University has been a very active Center, which has invited Indian Diaspora in Canada to Carleton on May 5-6, 2014. A Canada-India Infrastructure Forum was organized on April 23 (at Carleton) and on April 24-25 at Toronto.

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute³ co-located at Calgary and New Delhi organized on 11th March 2014 an event on Bringing Youth Into Development at Ottawa. It sponsored a Round Table⁴ at Balsillie School of International Affairs at Waterloo, jointly with Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) and the University of Waterloo (UW) on November 22nd 2013.

The Indo-Canadian Study Center should try to establish active collaborations with such Centers during this year.

Dr. Akshai Aggarwal

¹http://www.gtu.ac.in/circulars/IEP_2012/circular%20for%20conference.pdf

²<http://www.carleton.ca/india/>

³<http://www.sici.org/>

⁴http://www.sici.org/images/uploads/applicant_files/BYID_Public_Event_Report.pdf

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Dr. Akshai Aggarwal presenting the letter of thanks to H.E. Mr. Stewart Beak, High Commissioner of Canada

Commissioner of Canada on 18th June 2014 at Ahmedabad.

On the occasion Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Vice Chancellor of GTU said that Canadian High Commissioner has provided Excellent support. The professors, the officer-bearers and the city/state officers and the media in Canada have also supported the program

and made the stay of GTU Students fruitful.

GTU's International Experience Programme was initiated with the Canadian Universities first and after that it extended to the German and American Universities too. GTU's IEP has flourished and developed as India's largest International Experience Program. In 2014, about 200 students have participated in IEP.

Classes scheduled at LU for IEP Students

B. PHARM

1. Pharmacology III
2. Pharmaceutical Chemistry-X (Medicinal Chemistry)

BE (CE, CSE and IT)

1. Web Data Management
2. Wireless Communication & Mobile Programming

MCA

1. Web Data Management
2. Wireless Communication & Mobile Programming

Indo - Canadian Business Chamber established a Chapter in Ahmedabad

On 26th July, 2013 Indo Canadian Business Chamber (ICBC) organized its first business meet at Ahmedabad. "The state is an important partner for Canada thanks to its strategic location, strong economic credentials, and multilingual skilled workforce." said Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper in his letter when Canada was one of the partners of Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2013 organized in January 2013.¹ ICBC is an organization dedicated to development of Indo Canadian Trade, Business and Bi Lateral Relations. This was the first meet organized by ICBC at Ahmedabad after they opened the Gujarat Chapter Officer in Ahmedabad.



Mr. D. J. Pandian, Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Government of Gujarat attended the event as the Chief Guest and shared the vision for the business development between both the countries in the Energy Sector. Mr. Richard Bale, Canadian Consul General, Mumbai also addressed the meet. The business meet was very successful. Team of GTU Indo-Canadian Study Center also participated and took an opportunity to invite ICBC officials to visit GTU campus to deliberate on further collaborations with the chamber.

The ICBC event was a great platform for all the stakeholders interested in Indo-Canada trade and many of the corporate officials joined this meet.

¹<http://www.dnaindia.com/ahmedabad/report-vibrant-gujarat-summit-canadian-pm-lauds-guj-entrepreneurial-spirit-1788501>

“Many of the thesis of GTU students are of Canadian Standards” says Experts from Canadian University

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Research Week

Gujarat Technological University (GTU) organizes Research Week as an evaluation process of the Ph. D and Masters Students for the mid-semester review of their final year theses work at the University Campus. Experts from Universities of India and Abroad along with Industry Experts evaluate the work of these students and mentor the students so that they can improve the quality of their work. The visiting experts conduct workshops on the topic of their expertise and new developments in their field to enhance the knowledge of students. GTU organized the 3rd Research Week during February to April 2014. The Research Week has gained enormous appreciation from Education and Industry Stakeholders.



Dr. Vasu Apanna, Dean of Pharmacy at Laurentian University, Canada attended the 3rd Research Week at GTU in February 2014. Dr. Apanna evaluated more than 30 students at GTU Pharmacy Research Week. He was impressed with the concept of Research Week. Talking about the work of students

Mr. Apanna said that **“Many of the thesis of GTU students are of Canadian Standards. Even the topics of research are quite similar.”** He said that the work of some of the students was really good. **“Some presentations were as good as the presentations we see in Canada”**. During the interactions with students, we discovered that students have a good knowledge about the topic of research which is a good sign. As GTU has insisted on the Patent Search Analyses Report (PSAR) this time and it is a very good idea.

Dr. Apanna also shared some very interesting suggestion saying that whatever research students do, cannot have regional approach. Research is for the use of the entire world. So it is very important to stay updated with what is happening around the world in the field of Research. Students should join the Common Research Clubs like Research Gate where they can discuss issues in research with their peers. Through such clubs students can learn if any other students have published any article in any other country on the same topic. Dr. Apanna said that in Canada there are labs where students can go and conduct practical work. There is a special Cell Imaging Laboratory in our town where students of pharmacology can go and conduct the cell tests. They all are State University owned labs as there is no trend of privatization in education in Canada. He also suggested that the State Government should establish such labs.



Dr. Abdel Omri also evaluated more than 30 students and agreed with Dr. Vasu Apanna. Talking about the research review patterns in Canada Dr. Abdel said that in Canada we also organize a Research Day. On the Research Day students display their work on posters. The best three research work, later participate in state level competition. This exercise also brings in donations for research work.

Dr. Omri was really impressed to see the environment at the Research Week of GTU. Dr. Omri said that **“We have learnt from the students. Students here are very smart.”** He said that Research week is very well organized. He **also said that people here are very nice and the hospitality is very good.**

Research week not only reviews the work of students but it also provides mentoring to them. Moreover, open source format of review helps create excellence in the thesis work at all colleges across the state. Evening workshops by experts along with the morning session of review create a Kumbh Mela of knowledge seekers.

**- Dr. Akshai Aggarwal,
Vice Chancellor of GTU**

Dr. Vasu Apanna and Dr. Abdel Omri also mentor the GTU Students during their IEP visit at Laurentian University. During their visit at GTU Research Week 2014 , they expressed that they enjoy teaching the GTU Students at Laurentian University.

NAME OF FOREIGN EXPERT	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY
Dr. Vasu Apanna	Laurentian University, Canada
Dr. Abdel Omri	Laurentian University, Canada
Dr. Ramesh Subhramaniam	Laurentian University, Canada
DR. Ramki Thurimella	University of Denver , USA
Dr. Bala Natarajan	Kansas State University, USA
DR. Nilesh Patel	Oakland University, USA
Prof. Dr. Shrinivas Palanki	University of S Alabama, USA
Dr. Shishir Shah	University of Houston, USA
Dr. Gaurav Sharma	University of Rochester, USA
Dr. Ramesh Agarwal	Washington University, USA
Dr. Hamed Sari-Sarraf	Texas Tech University, USA
Dr. Anil Kulkarni	The Pennsylvania State University, USA
Dr. M. H. Hosni	Kansas State University, USA

The International Experience Program of GTU

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International Experience Programme Growth Story

- On 27th June, 2011 the very first International Experience Programme of GTU began when 35 Management students of GTU went to the University of Alberta, Canada.
- Just a month later on 6th July 2011, GTU collaborated with Laurentian University for Students and Faculty Exchange Program.
- On 11 October 2011, GTU established The Indo-Canadian Study Centre in the presence of Dr. Indira Samarasekera, President and Vice Chancellor of University of Alberta and Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Vice Chancellor of GTU under the Centre for Global Business Studies.

The Concept and the Roots

Gujarat Technological University has always been keen on associations with the foreign universities which can benefit the students and give them a chance of experiencing global education.

Honourable Vice Chancellor of GTU Dr. Akshai Aggarwal has not only worked with the reputed universities of India but also has rich experience of working in a foreign university. Dr. Aggarwal was working as the Director at the School of Computer Science, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, before his joining at GTU as its Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Aggarwal has achieved many awards including the Alumni Award for Distinguished Contributions to University Teaching in 2006 at the University of Windsor. Dr. Aggarwal encourages the students and faculties of GTU to experience the education systems & environment of foreign universities as GTU is aiming to be a World Class University.

GTU has signed MOU with many of the universities of several countries like Germany, Canada, for student and faculty exchange program and joint research projects. Going beyond the universities, GTU has also initiated research and projects with foreign companies to encourage the international tie-ups to provide Industry Interface to students & faculties with MNC. GTU signed MOU to establish Centre for Excellence with Bosch Rexroth which is a German company engaged in drive & control engineering in 2013.

IEP 2011—12

The very first IEP took place when 35 students of Management went to University of Alberta on 27th June 2011. The 2011 batch also went to the HR Department of Auditor General of Alberta and learned about the Canadian Government Recruitment process.

In the year 2011, GTU collaborated with Laurentian University and 111 students of Pharmacy, Computer Science and Engineering/IT went to Laurentian University with two faculties in the IEP 2012.

IEP 2013

International Experience Program is not just about classroom education in a foreign university but also about the self development as students get exposure to a new culture. Batch of IEP 2013 attended the classes at Laurentian University between 8th July to 14th July 2013. A group of 96 students of pharmacy & computer science , led by two faculty members went to Laurentian University in Canada.

At Laurentian University, Dr. Gerardo Ulibarri and Dr. Abdel Omri mentored the Pharmacy students while Dr. Khalid Mahmud and Dr. Paul-Émile Legault guided the computer science students. Pharmacy students also attended practical sessions during their classes. Apart of these pure academic subjects , students also attended the Geography lecture and attended the Doran Planetarium show. The Doran Planetarium is in the Fraser Building on the Laurentian University campus and is the largest planetarium in northern Ontario.

While being in Canada how come the students miss weekend escapes? After appearing in the exams held on 12th July , 2013 , students celebrated the weekend on 13th & 14 July 2013 by exploring the places around. Students went to see the CN tower in Toronto , Niagara Falls and other tourist places near Toronto. On the Sunday evening they also paid a visit to the BAPS temple.

Mid Semester Exam Conducted at Laurentian University for the following subjects

Course Name	Subjects	Faculty Name
B. Pharmacy	Pharmaceutical Chemistry-X (Medicinal Chemistry)	Dr.Gerardo Ulibarri
	Pharmacology II	Dr. Abdul Omri
Computer Science	Wireless Communication and Mobile Programming	Dr. Khalid
	Web Data Management	Dr. Kalpdrum Passi

PHOTO GALLERY OF IEP 2011 TO 2013





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