

**UG-PG mission – July 2014, India**

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### Introduction

British Council concluded a visit to Schools and Higher Education Institutions in cities of Ahmedabad and Bhubaneswar. The aim of the mission was to give an opportunity to UK institutions to showcase the courses they offer both at Undergraduate and Postgraduate level.

During the visits, participating delegates had a platform to interact with prospective students, deliver presentations about their respective institutions and meet with senior faculty at the local schools/Higher Education Institutions.

### Event wise description and report:

#### Ahmedabad: 14 to 18 July 2014

The mission in the city of Ahmedabad included a group of three UK institutions visiting six institutions (schools and colleges) in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar from 15-17 July 2014. The program at each institution comprised institute specific presentations made by all the three UK university delegates to the students; a table chair exhibition and a discussion with the faculty.

#### Name of the participating UK institutions:

- University of Greenwich
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- University of Highlands and Irelands

Key highlights of the visits:

#### Day One: Visit to **M K Secondary & Higher Secondary School**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the XIth and XIIth grade students of the school across the commerce and science streams. The student queries were discussed during the table top exhibition held subsequently. More than 220 students attended the exhibition. During the exhibition the students enquired about the following courses:

- Business Studies
- Computing
- Biotechnology
- Engineering – General

The discussion with the faculty revolved around trying to create awareness among students and the parents about the various career options available to them. The highlights of the discussion were as follows:

Faculty Discussion:

- Scholarships offered by each University
- Eligibility requirements for all institutes
- UCAS presentation
- Workshop on Employability/Soft Skills
- Summer school exchange programs

Through this visit the delegation met 220 students and 11 faculty members.

### Day one: Visit to **N R Institute of Business Administration**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the students from the second and final year of the college. Around 180 students attended the presentation

The discussion with the faculty revolved around their current knowledge exchange partnerships with Heriot Watt and Aberdeen and placement partnerships with Tata Industries/Neoplast/Aracel/. The institution gave out a booklet carrying complete details regarding the areas of research interest of the faculty and the specific collaboration crossovers which could take place among the faculties of both countries.

The highlights of the discussion were -

- 3 to 5 week training programs for students
- Joint short term training program
- Semester Abroad for Graduate course
- Ph.D. guidance-Co-Supervisor
- Faculty Exchange
- International Conference – Joint
- Joint R & D Proposals to Funding agencies
- Vocational Training (Event Management)

The discussion then continued over lunch with the Trustee of the GLS Group Mr Sudhir Nanavati and their International Collaborations Head Chandani Kapadia

Through this visit the delegation met 180 students and 10 faculty members

### Day two: visit to **SVKM International School**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the students from grade XI & XII. The student queries were discussed during the table top exhibition held subsequently. During the exhibition the students enquired about the following undergraduate courses:

- Astronomy
- Environment Studies
- Architecture
- Computing
- Gaming
- Aircraft Engineering

The faculty discussion revolved around exploring options for summer schools with the UK institutes. The highlights of the discussion are as follows:

Faculty Discussion:

- Scholarships offered
- Need for UCAS presentation
- Vocational Guidance Workshops
- Counsellor Workshops
- Summer school exchange programs

Through this visit the delegation reached out to 104 students and 15 teachers

### Day two: visit to **School of Liberal Studies – Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the students from the final year of the School of Liberal Studies. Around 87 students attended the exhibition.

During the exhibition the students enquired about the following undergraduate courses:

- Creative Writing
- Designing
- Acting
- Music
- Literature

The faculty discussion revolved around partnership models in the pipeline which they have with Southampton and Heriot Watt and the SLS International Exposure Program which offers a student the option of continuing with one month at a foreign university

Points for Collaboration:

- Scholarships
- Summer Schools program – cost feasibility
- Twinning programs
- Faculty Exchanges
- Research partnerships

International Conference – Joint (Vibrant Gujarat Education Summit) through this visit reached out to 87 students and 9 faculty.

### Day three: visit to **St Kabir School**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the students from grade XI & XII across science and commerce streams of two of their branches. The student queries were discussed during the table top exhibition held subsequently. More than 300 students attended the exhibition. During the exhibition the students enquired about the following undergraduate courses:

- Journalism
- Accounting
- Law
- Engineering and Economics
- Fine Arts and Business
- Psychology
- Environmental Management
- Design Studies
- Medicine
- Business Management

The discussion with the faculty revolved around platforms for teacher development and seeking partners for summer school exchanges. A discussion followed with regards to concerns over employability in the UK

Faculty Discussion:

- Scholarships offered
- Need for UCAS presentation
- Teacher development
- Summer School program with the local institute highlighting on the cost factor to make the model feasible

Through this visit, reached out to 325 students' and 15 teachers.

Day three: **St Kabir Institute of Professional Studies**

The faculty discussion revolved around setting up a twinning program at the postgraduate level keeping in mind the cost factor as a major criterion.

Faculty discussion:

Joint masters – IT and Management; Aircraft Engineering and Management (with the technical delivery being done in the UK and the Management delivery being done at the host institution)

- Distance Education through “Webinar”
- 3 to 5 week training programs for students
- Joint short term training program
- Semester Abroad
- Faculty Exchange
- International Conference – Joint
- Joint R & D Proposals to Funding agencies

Through this visit we could reach out to 4 faculty members

Total students met during the visit to Ahmedabad institutions: 916 students

Total faculty met during the visit to Ahmedabad institutions: 66

### Bhubaneswar: 21 to 25 July 2014

The mission in the city of Bhubaneswar comprised of three UK universities visited six institutions (schools and colleges) in Bhubaneswar from 22 to 24 July 2014. The program at each institution comprised institute specific presentations made by all the three UK university delegates to the students; a table chair exhibition and a discussion with the faculty. At each institution, the delegation met the Principal and the Counsellors. The total time at each institution was 2 hours.

#### Name of the participating UK institutions:

- Cardiff University
- BPP University
- University of Highlands and Irelands

#### Key highlights of the visits:

##### Day One: **KIIT International School**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the XIth and XIIth grade students of the school. The student queries were discussed during the table top exhibition held subsequently. More than 150 students attended the exhibition and asked questions about a variety of subjects including Business & Management, Biosciences, Art & Design, IT & Engineering.

The discussion with the faculty revolved around trying to create awareness among students and the parents about the various career options available to them. The highlights of the discussion were as follows:

#### Faculty Discussion:

- Scholarships offered by each University
- Eligibility requirements for all institutes
- UCAS presentation
- Summer school exchange programs

Total students met during the visit: 150 and 7 Teachers.

##### Day One: **CV Raman College of Engineering**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the students from the final year of the college. Around 200 students attended the presentation. Enquiries mostly hovered around Business & Management, IT & Engineering.

#### Faculty Discussion:

- Joint short term training program
- Semester Abroad for Graduate course
- Joint PhDs
- Faculty Exchange
- International Conference – Joint
- Joint R & D Proposals through UKIERI

Total student met: 200 and 10 teachers

**Day Two: Mother's Public School**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the students from grade XI & XII. The student queries were discussed during the table top exhibition held subsequently. During the exhibition the students enquired about the undergraduate courses. The faculty discussion revolved around exploring options for summer schools with the UK institutes and scholarships. Through this visit reached out to 120 students. Enquiries were around Technology, Business studies and sciences.

Total students met: 120 and 4 teachers.

**Day Two: SAI international School**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the students. The student queries were discussed during the table top exhibition held subsequently. During the exhibition the students enquired about the undergraduate courses. The faculty discussion revolved around exploring options for summer schools with the UK institutes and scholarships. Through this visit reached out to 250 students.

Discussions with faculty about collaborations:

- Scholarships & UCAS
- Summer Schools programme
- Enquiries were around IT, Engineering, Technology, Business studies, Art & Design and sciences.

Met 250 students and 6 teachers

**Day Three: ODM Public School**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the students from grade XI & XII across science and commerce streams. The student queries were discussed during the table top exhibition held subsequently. About 100 students attended the exhibition. During the exhibition the students enquired about the about undergraduate courses:

The discussion with the faculty revolved around summer school exchanges and scholarships.

Enquiries were around IT, Engineering, Technology, Business studies, Art & Design and sciences.

Students met during the visit: 100 and 3 teachers

**Day Three: KIIT University**

The university delegates carried out institute specific presentations to the students from the final year of the college. Around 150 students attended the presentation.

The table-chair exhibition involved questions around scholarships, admissions and employability.

Faculty discussion:

- Joint degrees/faculty exchange/semester abroad, visiting professors from UK
- Enquiries were mostly around Business and management. IT & Engineering

Students met, 150 and met 4 teachers

Total students met during the visit to Bhubaneswar institutions: 1120 students

Total faculty met during the visit to Bhubaneswar institutions: 34

**Photographs taken during visits**

M K Secondary & Senior Secondary School, Ahmedabad



Anand Niketan School, Ahmedabad







Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (School of Liberal Studies), Ahmedabad



SAI International, Bhubaneswar



CV Raman Institute of Engineering and technology



KIT International School

