

Higher Education Delegation from Sri Lanka visits Jain University

On September 16, 2013, a high-level delegation from the University Grants Commission and Universities, Sri Lanka visited Jain University Bangalore to take forward the cooperation agreement between the two institutions. The aim of the two day visit was to explore and promote a vibrant research culture, academic cooperation and entrepreneurship between Sri Lankan Public Universities and Jain University.

The Sri Lankan delegation was led by

1. Prof. Ranjith Senaratne, Vice Chairman, UGC, Sri Lanka

Accompanied by:

1. Dr. W Kumara Hirimburegama, Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo
2. Prof. Atula Senaratne, Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya
3. Dr. S M Mohamed Ismail, Vice Chancellor, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
4. Prof. U G A Puswewala, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa,
5. Prof. C A N Fernando, Head, Dept. of Electronics, Wayamba University
6. Prof. P Ravirajan, Head, Dept. of Physics, University of Jaffna,
7. Dr. Jagath Gunatilake, Head, Dept. of Geology, University of Peradeniya
8. Prof. Ranil Dassanayake, Professor in Molecular biology & biochemistry, University of Colombo
9. Dr. Duminda Randeniya, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, University of Peradeniya,
10. Dr. Prabath Hewageegana, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Physics, University of Kelaniya
11. Dr. Gamika Prathapasinghe, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Livestock and Avian Sciences, Wayamba University
12. Mr. R A U Ranaweera, Accountant, UGC
13. Mrs. W M V Wanasinghe, Deputy Secretary, Legal & Documentation Division, UGC, Sri Lanka

During their academic tour, Sri Lankan delegates visited the Jain Global Campus, Chenraj Roychand Centre for Entrepreneurship (CRCE) & Jain Knowledge Campus.

Dr. Chenraj Roychand, President Jain University Trust provided a brief introduction to the university and its inception for the benefit of the delegation, followed by the Heads of the different research centres explaining the work going in their respective areas. This was followed by parallel discussions on various areas in which the visiting universities could collaborate with Jain University. A few areas of clear interest from the discussions were entrepreneurship, disaster management, aerospace engineering, life sciences and nano sciences.

The delegates witnessed a test demo of a 20 B Pool fire as per UL 162 at the UL-JFL lab outdoor facility - the first of its kind fire test facility set up at Jain Global Campus. Unique aero

models created by Jain University students which won many accolades at international competitions were presented in front of the delegates.

At Chenraj Roychand Centre for Entrepreneurship, delegates came across the well equipped entrepreneurial facilities exclusively designed to aid & ignite the entrepreneurial passion among the incubatees & budding entrepreneurial students of Jain University. They even got clear - cut information about the entrepreneurial process that takes place at CRCE through an interactive session with incubatees.

Overwhelming with his visit to Jain University, Prof. Ranjith Senaratne, Vice Chairman, UGC, Sri Lanka said, "The vision of the committee is to foresee Sri Lanka as knowledge & intellectual capital. We realised, this can happen in reality by our mutual cooperation & collaboration with Jain University. In near future, we will witness a holistic development through our link with academicians, intellectuals, researches & high profile experts of Jain University."

During the interactions, the delegation also expressed its intent on setting up Centre for Excellence in Entrepreneurship at Sri Lanka, Centre for Knowledge Advancement which shall serve as the hub for collaborative research in various faculties such as Pure and Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Aerospace, Management and Entrepreneurship, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and promoting faculty & student exchange programmes for the purpose of teaching and research.

Dr. Chenraj Roychand, President Jain University Trust, cherished all the golden moments he spent at Sri Lanka during his last visit & said," We are impressed with the Sri Lanka's higher education system & its strategic plan in achieving many milestone in education sector. Sri Lanka is going to be identified with Singapore, Malaysia & even Australia for its unparallel research capabilities. We are looking forward for some exciting collaboration with Sri Lankan leading universities and privileged to contribute & cooperate in the possible research areas."

The team from Jain University was headed by Dr. Chenraj Roychand, President, Jain University Trust included Dr. N Sundararajan, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Pro Vice Chancellor & Director, Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, Prof. N V H Krishnan, Registrar, Dr. R N Iyengar, Director, Centre for Disaster Mitigation, Dr. Sudha Deshmukh, Director, Centre for Post Graduate Studies, Dr. Krishna Venkatesh, Director, Centre for Emerging Technologies, Dr. Geetha Balakrishna, Director, Centre for Nano & Materials Sciences, Prof. H S Mukunda, Professor of Eminence, Centre for Disaster Mitigation, Prof. C Subramanian, Head, Department of Aerospace Engineering, IIAEM, Prof. K R Sridhara Murthi, Adjunct Professor, IIAEM, Prof. K S Shantamani, Chief Mentor, Mr. M S Parswanath, Director, International Relations and Ms. Aparna Prasad, Director, Office of HR, Communications & Corporate Affairs.