

## **A high-level delegation from Moratuwa University, Sri Lanka visits IIAEM, Jain University**

On January 17, 2015 a high-level delegation from the Moratuwa University, Sri Lanka visited International Institute of Aerospace Engineering and Management, Jain University to take forward the cooperation agreement between the two institutions. The aim of the visit was to explore and promote a vibrant research culture, academic cooperation between Moratuwa University and Jain University.

The Moratuwa University delegation was led by Dr. W.K. Wimalsiri, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering and was accompanied by Dr. Nirosh Jayaweera, Mr. Pubudu Ranaweera and two others.

Prof. Sridhara Murthi K R, Director, IIAEM welcomed the delegation and provided a brief introduction to the IIAEM, Jain University and its inception for the benefit of the delegation. This was followed by a presentation on IIAEM activities which were made including the details of enrichment programmes, research focus and regular academic programmes in aerospace engineering and aviation business management.

Dr. W.K. Wimalsiri, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Moratuwa University during the panel discussion with Jain University academicians, expressed his views about the specialisation courses Moratuwa University is planning in B.Sc (Mechanical Engineering) for aerospace and also his interest to know about IIAEM experience for laboratory establishment.

Meanwhile, Prof. Sridhara Murthi K R pointed out the following modes for possible collaboration between two Universities where Moratuwa University will witness a holistic development through its link with academicians, intellectuals, researches & high profile experts of Jain University.

- Institution of Masters and Bachelors Programmes in Aerospace Engineering and hosting of academic programmes (by IIAEM) during development phase
- Assistance / consultancy in setting up of specialized laboratories
- Programmes for upgrading design competence in specific areas such as simulator co-design
- Cooperation in faculty development and faculty exchange or sharing

During their academic tour, Moratuwa University delegates visited the JGI Global Campus and witnessed a wide range of academic facilities available for Aerospace Engineering students to enhance their knowledge.

The team from Jain University was headed by Prof. N V H Krishnan, Registrar, Jain University included Prof. Sridhara Murthi K R, Director IIAEM, Prof. Gopalakrishna, CET / SET, Prof. Parameswaran, HoD, IIAEM, Prof. Aswatha Narayana, Prof. Antonio Davis, Prof. Nagraj, Prof. Manjunath, Prof. A Bakshi, Prof. Ashok Kumar, Prof. Ashish Gupta and Mr. Velayudam.