

# Study Tour to Singapore and Malaysia Organized by



**PARUL INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT**

From 09<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011 to 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011



Parul Institute of Management had organized a study tour to Singapore and Malaysia. The group consisted of 33 students, one faculty member, Dr. Abhijeet Chatterjee. The said tour was of nine days commencing from **9<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 to 17th October, 2011.**

The group had started their journey from Mumbai International Airport to Changi Airport, Singapore by a Kingfisher Flight IT-029 which took around 5.5 hours.

The nine day industrial visit/ tour programme details are as under:-



**Inside View of the Kingfisher aircraft Flight.**



**Management Students at CHANGI AIRPORT**



**Waiting at the CHANGI Airport**



**In the coach - On the way to Hotel Claremont**



On **10th October, 2011** the group reached Changi Airport around 6.00 am Singapore local time.

The student group was escorted by Ms. Tamini, the coordinator and Mr. Kumaran Raman, tour guide to Hotel Claremont, Serangoon Road by an air-conditioned coach with a coach captain Mr. Yo. After Checking in the Hotel, students were taken around to a city tour. The sights included a ride on the Singapore flyer to start with followed by visit to Merlion at Singapore river bank opposite Marina Bay, Sun-Tech city, Fountain of wealth (shown in Bollywood movie "Krish"), Lee Kong Chian Reference Library etc. Then after completing the city tour the group returned to Hotel Claremont at round 4.00 pm. All the students were allotted rooms in pairs. The students took rest and reassembled at 8.00 pm then everybody proceeded for dinner at Hotel SITARA. Later in the night everybody went to Mustafa Showroom for shopping and some went to the nearby city square Mall.



**Students buying Chocolates at  
Chocolate Gallery**



**Students purchasing Souvenirs  
at the CHINA Market**



On **11th October, 2011**, there was a meeting scheduled at Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry(SICCI) in the morning but for some reasons the meeting got rescheduled at 4.00 pm in the evening and the student group got an opportunity to visit various market for shopping chocolates etc. The group was asked to reassemble in the Hotel Lounge at 2.30 pm after finishing their lunch. The group started for SICCI at around 3.00 pm and reached there in SICCI office well in time. The meeting started with a presentation by **Mrs Sujata Rao, Deputy Manager, Business Development and Marketing, SICCI Institute of Business** which overall focused demographic profile of Singapore, the government policy and various regulations related to business and economy.

Following it was a presentation made by **Ms. Apoorva Tongle, Senior Executive, Enterprise Centre** which highlighted upon the business prospects in Singapore. She also informed the student group about the ease of setting up of a company in Singapore. The sessions were followed by interactive session involving queries from students and faculties. Most of the queries were related to career opportunities in Singapore for Management Graduates. The session concluded with refreshment and tea. Dr. Chatterjee extended vote of thanks to the Mrs. Rao & Ms. Apoorva for the opportunity to interact.

The students returned to the Hotel for refreshing and then then went to Hotel Tandoor for dining. After a sumptuous dinner at the hotel, students formed various groups. One group of student went to Night Safari, one of the groups preferred to stay back in Hotel and the rest went for shopping in Mustafa Mall.



**Dr. A. Chatterjee and students of MBA with Mrs. Sujata Rao & Ms. Apoorva Tongle**



**Students of MBA attending the presentation at SICCI, Singapore**



On 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 i.e. the last day in Singapore, the group started from the Hotel at 8.45 am and reached the site of **ASIA PACIFIC BREWERIES- The factory of “Tiger Beer”** for a factory Visit. In the factory after completion of various entry formalities like issuance of visitor identification cards, all the students entered into the factory premises. There, **Mr. Christopher** joined us who is a **training officer at “Asia Pacific Breweries**. He took us around various processes right from selection of malt to the conversion of malt to Beer. Then the students were given an opportunity to visit the Bar. Students were given souvenirs in the form of Tiger Beer Glasses.



**All the students lined up before going to the Tiger Beer Factory**



After the visit to Tiger Beer factory, the students' group proceeded to **NEWater Plant** which is a water purification plant. Singapore is water scarce country with no natural water resource other than rain water therefore Singapore resorts to Purification of water and NEWater Plant is the Govt. initiative to purify water.



After finishing the Visit to the beer factory and the NEWater Plant, all the students proceeded towards Sentosa Beach to witness another extravaganza. At Sentosa, firstly the students went into the Underwater world, followed by the Pink Dolphin show. Finally as the night approached, everybody went to see the Light & sound laser show called 'songs of the sea' which was a life time experience. Lastly the group was driven by the coach captain and the guide to the Hotel "Jewels of India" for Dining.



Next day, i.e. **14<sup>th</sup> October 2011** was a new day as the group was travelling on the highway to leave Singapore for Kuala Lumpur (KL). For crossing the border everybody had to undergo immigration formalities twice-once in Singapore immigration for leaving and then at Malaysia Immigration for entering to Malaysia. Round 4.00 pm in the evening the group reached KL. There we were welcomed by the tour guide Mr. James who was supposed to be with us during the groups' stay in KL. After room allocations, everybody got freshen up and got ready for the evening bash. Evening 7.00 pm everybody reassembled to go to see Malaysia's highlight the PETRONAS Tower.



Then everybody went to Hotel “Olive tree” for dining. Late in the evening everybody went around for shopping to the nearby market place.

On 15<sup>th</sup> Oct the group had 3 visits lined up. Because all the visit sites were distantly located, the group made an early start after taking breakfast in Hotel Brisdale. Firstly, everybody visited **Monash University**. There students were welcomed by **Ms. Lina-The training Coordinator for Monash University**. Then they issued a welcome kit to the students and the professors accompanying the student group. Then the group was taken around the Engineering College and the various labs including the mechatronics lab and the mechanical labs etc. in Monash. Also, students were informed that there are two types of labs available for the students- one which the students access during Institute working hours under the supervision of the professors and Lab in-charge and the other one which they can access 24 hrs., for their own work. Everybody then went to Management Department of the University where the group was addressed by **Dr. Jeyapalan Kasipillai, Professor and Deputy Head of School of Business**. He informed the students about the various programmes offered by the school of business and the opportunities thereof for studying in Monash. Later on **Madam Rodrigous** addressed the students about the researches carried out in the research department of the University and told about the various doctoral and post-doctoral research opportunities in Monash. A gesture of gratitude towards Monash University and staff was expressed by Dr. Abhijeet Chatterjee when the visit was over. After finishing the visit to Monash University, the group headed towards the Kings Palace.



**Dr. Chatterjee with  
Ms. Lina  
& Professor In-Charge of  
Mechatronics Laboratory**



**Students waiting in the School of Business**



**Students waiting in the  
School of Business**







## Kings Palace Kuala Lumpur

After the visit to the Kings palace the group headed towards the “**Royal Selangor**” **Pewter Factory** where at the entrance itself the students witnessed the largest cup made up of Pewter which incidentally also holds the Guinness Record for being the worlds' largest Cup made out of Pewter.

After the visit to Pewter factory, the group left for a visit to a **Chocolate factory & a Selling Outlet**. We finished the day with a sumptuous dinner at one Indian restaurant. Later we went to KL Towers and had a panoramic view of Kuala Lumpur from a height of 420 mts.



**The Chocolate Factory**



**The World Largest Pewter Cup at Royal Selangor**



The last day i.e. **15<sup>th</sup> October 2011** was a reserve day when the student group visited Genting Highlands, Malaysia which sometimes is referred to as Las Vegas of Malaysia along with a new tour guide named "Tamish". The journey to Genting Highlands started at 8.00 am in the morning. In between the group visited "Buta Caves" which has a gigantic "Lord Kartikaya" Statue in addition to certain other Hindu Indian temples.



The group enjoyed various rides in Genting highlands - 'Dragon ride', 'Tower ride', 'The Genting spinner', 'Water Park' etc. The group returned totally exhausted and straight away headed to "Hotel Olive Tree for the dinner". After finishing the dinner, students went to a shopping mall for purchasing chocolates, souvenirs & other gift items as it was the last day of our visit to Malaysia.

On **16<sup>th</sup> October 2011**, the group started for Singapore by coach and after completing the immigration formalities at Malaysia border and Singapore immigration office group reached Changi Airport once again as Kingfisher airlines flight was scheduled at 6.15 pm local time from Changi airport. The student group reached at 9.30 pm IST to Mumbai International Airport which was actually 12.00 midnight Singapore local time. While on the way to Singapore and then to Mumbai, students remembered all the exciting moments of the trip & shall cherish the same for long time.

