

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.

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