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Signing an MOU with **UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, TECHNOLOGY , BUSINESS AND DESIGN, WISMAR, GERMANY** and Inauguration of **INDO GERMAN STUDY CENTER** of GTU's School of Global Business Studies

Signing MOUs with:

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, AHMEDABAD,
MCX-SX (a Stock Exchange, promoted by Financial Technologies Knowledge Management Center),
and

ELECTRONICS & QUALITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, GANDHINAGAR

on 21st Aug 2012

a the Circuit House Annexe, Shahibaug, Ahmedabad

Gujarat Technological University (GTU) has started its journey in 2008. Though it is relatively new university, GTU is accelerating towards becoming a world class university. During this journey, it has started receiving numerous recognitions nationally and internationally.

To meet up with today's challenges GTU has collaborated with different Industries, Institutions and universities in a number of ways. As a part of this effort, Gujarat Technological University has signed an MOU with University Of Applied Sciences Technology, Business and Design, Germany.

Some of the distinguished personalities present at the meeting were:

- 1) Dr.Akshai Aggarwal , Hon'ble Vice Chancellor , GTU
- 2) Mr. D C Anjaria , Member , Board of Governance , GTU and Director of GSFC, GIFT and many other leading companies .
- 3) Dr. (Rector) Norbert Gulerwald , University of Wismar - Applied Sciences Technology , Business and Design , Germany
- 4) Dr.Dinesh Awasthi , Director , EDI , Gandhinagar
- 5) Dr.Jignesh Panchali , Sr.Vice President , FTKMC, Mumbai
- 6) Mr. L.S. Sharma, Managing Director , EQDC , Gandhinagar
- 7) Dr. Deepak Srivastava , Associate Professor , Nirma Institute of Management , Ahmedabad
- 8) Dr. Gitesh Joshi , Registrar , GTU

Besides the Deans of faculties of Management and Engineering of GTU , Directors of various colleges affiliated to GTU and Special invitees from CII , a representative of Gujarat Chambers of Commerce & Industry and representatives of ABP (UK) participated in the meeting .

Some of the Industry leaders, who are either exporting to Germany or importing from Germany or who have collaboration with German companies were also present:

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- 1) Mr. Yatindra Sharma – CEO- Mamta Machinery
- 2) Mr. S. Rajaram – CEO – Erhardt + Leimer India Pvt. Ltd.
- 3) Mr. Jayesh Bhatt – MD – Truetzschiler India Pvt. Ltd.
- 4) Mr. Raju Shah – MD – Harsha Engineers

The meeting started with introduction and floral welcome of dignitaries by Dr. Rajesh Khajuria, Director, CKSVIM, and Baroda.

Dr. Gitesh Joshi, Registrar, GTU welcomed all dignitaries at the meeting. He gave insights into various developments at GTU and successes achieved by GTU under the leadership of Dr Akshai Aggarwal.



Dr. Gitesh Joshi, Registrar, GTU

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Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of GTU emphasized on the collaboration model of GTU for building excellence. GTU has commenced its under graduate programmes in 2008, post graduate programmes in 2009 and Ph D programmes in Sept 2011. It has about 500 colleges affiliated to it and covers 95 % of Gujarat State's students of Engineering, Pharmacy, Management and Computer Applications. Dr. Aggarwal described GTU's focus on practice-oriented studies and projects to make professional education more meaningful. He said that GTU has started working for two collaborative research projects with **Duale Hochschule Baden Wuerttemberg (DHBW University), STUTTGART, Germany**. He described the two research projects: (i) Cooperation Management among businesses (ii) DOS and DONTs for cross-cultural businesses.

Dr. Aggarwal also mentioned that GTU is creating an innovative eco system, first of its kind in India where 50,000 students had been to industries for the project work during 2011. GTU has created 25 committees where 500 industry leaders are working as co-chairs with the academicians.

GTU has set up one of the largest Faculty Development Programs (FD) in India. In addition to FDPs, it has carried out faculty exchange and International Experience Programs for students. Under this program in the year 2012, 18 students have been to Kansas State University, USA; 111 students have been to Laurentian University, Canada. These students were from the fields of Electronic Communication, Pharmacy, Computer Engineering and Computer Application. In 2011, 34 students of Management had been to University of Alberta, Canada under this program.

GTU has started PhD in September 2011. The program envisages appointments of adjunct professors as co-supervisors for PhD students of GTU. Thereby a doctoral student will have one local supervisor and a co-supervisor from anywhere in the world. We have been able to have co-supervisors for 72 PhD students of GTU so far.

Dr. Norbert Gulerwald, Rector University of Applied Sciences Technology, Business and Design, Germany gave presentation on the historical moments and the expertise of their university. The university has started in 1908. Hanseatic town where the university is located is declared as world heritage city by UNESCO.

The main expertise of this university is in Technology and Engineering, Management and Architecture. It has about 7000 students. Out of these, 4000 students are enrolled in various full time programs and the rest of them are in its distance learning programs. About 15 % of full time students are foreigners.

The University has 116 partners out of which 48 partners are outside Europe.

In Germany, there are many young parents thus the University recognizes the need to support those parents who would like to pursue their study. Hence, it is running support services for young parents who are enrolled and providing them support services within the campus. E.g. there are facilities of Kinder Garden and baby care at the campus. Thus it is considered as Family Oriented University.

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Dr. Aggarwal and Dr. Gulerwald

Dr. Gulerwald also mentioned that his University is a Partner University of Elite Athletes to support sports personnel. He proudly mentioned that 2 students of his university participated in Olympic Games in London 2012.

The University also celebrates Global Entrepreneurship Week.

Dr. Deepak Srivastava, Associate Professor, Nirma University made a presentation on the proposed School of Global Business Studies at GTU. The objectives of the centre would be joint research, publishing newsletter, promoting cross-cultural and cross-country academic research, global innovation network etc. The Indo-German Study Center will be established as a part of the School of Global Business Studies.

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Lighting of lamp ceremony was carried out by all dignitaries to mark the MOU signing ceremony.



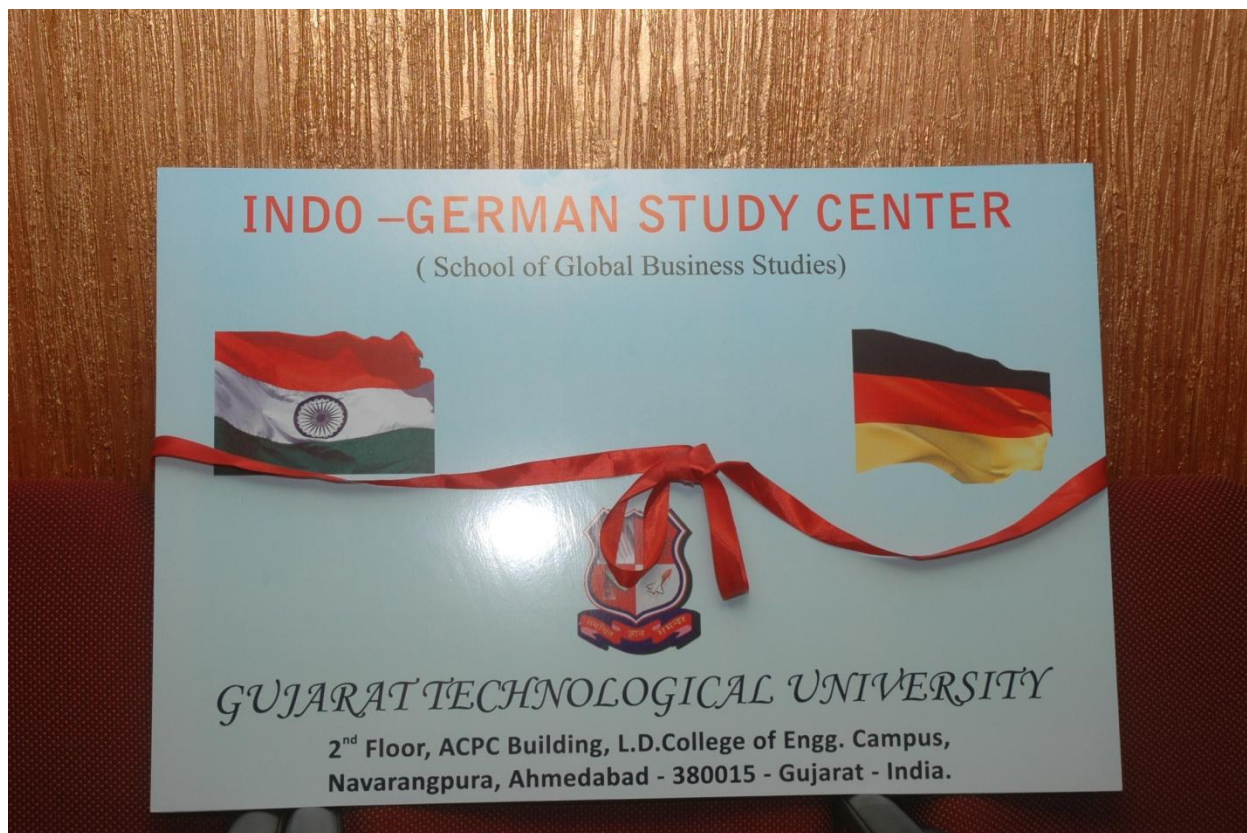
An MOU was signed between GTU and University of Applied Sciences Technology , Business and Design , Germany.

Then the Indo – German Study Centre was inaugurated by Dr. Akshai Aggarwal , Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of GTU and Dr. Norbert Gulerwald , University of Applied Sciences Technology , Business and Design , Germany.

GTU signed four MOUs, including the one with the University at Wismar, Germany. On behalf of GTU, the MOUs were signed by Dr Gitesh Joshi, the Registrar of GTU.

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Inauguration of the Indo-German Study centre

GTU and FTKMC signed an MOU. Dr. Jinesh Panchali, Sr. Vice President, FTKMC proposed co-operation with GTU in the following areas:

- Faculty Development Programs
- Student Certification Programs
- Research Studies in the areas of commodity and currency markets .

GTU signed an MOU with EQDC. Prof. L S Sharma, Director of EQDC promised to help the students of GTU in undertaking summer internship projects and faculty members of GTU in area of research. According to him, EQDC has set up centers in 22 states across India. EQDC is looking forward to achieve much more with the support of Dr. Aggarwal , Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, GTU.

Dr. Dinesh Awasthi, Director, EDI, Gandhinagar highlighted the role of EDI in development of entrepreneurs in the country. EDI is looking forward to have access to projects submitted by GTU students. Dr. Awasthi suggested if 1% of such projects can be commercialized, great results can be achieved. GTU colleges and Department of Science and Technology, can work jointly towards creation of

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better entrepreneurs. EDI has also developed National Entrepreneurship Policy which is available online and open to all for suggestions.

Some industry-leaders, who have joint ventures with German enterprises were also present. They were invited to speak.

“The difference between German students and Indian students is that German students who are graduating from their universities have worked closely with industries during their studies and have received a great deal of practical inputs and exposure to the industries. On the other end for majority of the Indian students, such opportunities may not be available,” said Mr. S. Rajaram, CEO – Erhardt + Leimer India Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Rajesh Khajuria pointed out that for the first time in India, GTU had sent all its engineering students of the final year to the industries. The mandate was to search out their Final Year project problem, which attempts to either improve a product or a process in the industry.

Mr. Raju Shah – MD – Harsha Engineers said, “To prepare employable Engineers and professionals, there is a need of involvement of industrial experts.” He said that faculties must be encouraged to develop relationship with the industries to keep up with the industries demand in the constantly changing environment. An Alumni Association at every college can be a very good and continuous support for the academicians.

Mr. Jayesh Bhatt – MD – Truetzschler India Pvt. Ltd highlighted the fact that for today’s youth, working with hands is considered as inferior work. He said that engineering students must be counselled in the right way so that they can understand that working with hands is the beginning of an engineering career.

Prof. B S Dave, Professor at B K School of Management, IIMA and currently having his own consultancy mentioned the gap between knowledge, that a graduate engineer possesses and the skills expected by the industry. University along with the industries can bring necessary modifications to narrow down this gap and make its students more employable.

In response to the suggestions provided by the industry leaders, Dr. Aggarwal mentioned that about 7000 enterprises supported students’ projects in year 2011. 1900 of them have said that the projects helped them to resolve their issues. GTU is looking forward to have more and more participation of the industries in GTU Innovation work.

Dr. Rajesh Khajuria proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all dignitaries, deans, directors and other invitees present and staff of GTU who extended whole hearted support in conducting the meeting.

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SIGNING of MOUs

Various MOUs have been signed between GTU and different organizations.



Exchange of MOUs between Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Vice-Chancellor, GTU and Dr. Norbert Gulerwald, Rector, University of Applied Sciences Technology , Business and Design, Wismar, Germany

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MCX-SX was represented by Dr Jinesh Panchali, Vice-President, FTKMC



Prof. L S Sharma, Director, EQDC

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The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.