



# *Gujarat Technological University*

## **Centre for Global Business Studies**

### **CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL DAYS OF AFGHANISTAN**

### **AND INDONESIA AT GTU**

(A Unique Initiative under Global Country Study Program of MBA)

**17<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**GTU Chandkheda Campus**

Gujarat Technological University (GTU) is one of the largest Technical University of India catering more than 400000 students of Management, Engineering and Pharmacy. GTU has 12 PG Research Centres which study the various fields of Management, Engineering and Pharmacy.

**The Centre for Global Business Studies (CGBS)** promotes the research work in the field of business management and facilitates the foreign study programs across the branches through International Experience Program (IEP), appointing the professors from foreign universities as co- supervisors of the GTU's doctorate students, promoting various activities through Indo – Canadian and Indo - German Study Centers, and admitting foreign students in various courses of GTU.

Global Country Study (GCSR) Program is an initiative of GTU, under which the MBA students and faculties study various countries of the world for increasing business inter-actions between India and the world. It is a part of the new Global MBA program, being implemented since August 2011. 72 countries have been studied up to last year. In the year 2013 -14 students and faculties are going to study 110 countries under GCSR program.

To make the GCSR program more effective, GTU has decided to celebrate the National Days of GCSR countries. The first National Day Celebration was organized for **Afghanistan and Indonesia** on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at GTU Chandkheda Campus.

The dignitaries on the dais were (from right) Mr. Sunil Modi, Member, Board of Advisors for GCSR, Mr. Irawan Sutiono Project Manager, Inbisco India Pvt Ltd from Indonesia; Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, GTU; Mr. K H Patel, Member, Board of Advisors for GCSR, and Dr. G P Vadodaria, I/C Registrar and Controller of Examination, GTU.



Ms. Pratibha Pandya, Coordinator of Afghanistan Project, SEWA and Ms. Manisha Pandya, Technical coordinator, SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association) Ahmedabad graced the workshop as the special invitees.

Mrs. Shakun Aggrawal and Mr. Rajnikant Patel, Advisor, Research Consultancy Services Cell, GTU has motivated the participants with their valuable presence.



L J Institute of Management Studies, Ahmedabad and Dr. Bharat Barad Institute of Management, Sutrapada are studying Indonesia and Afghanistan respectively under GCSR. The two countries participated with their 75 students and faculty members.

Recently, GTU has admitted foreign students in various branches. Out of them, 9 Afghan students, 2 Myanmar students and 1 Nigerian student are studying at LD Engineering College, Ahmedabad, and L M Pharmacy College Ahmedabad, Shri Jairambhai Patel Institute of Management, Gandhinagar and Marwadi Education Foundation – Faculty of Management studies, Rajkot. These students participated actively in the celebration.

The program began with felicitation of Guests and lamp lighting by all dignitaries.



As a part of National Day Celebration, there was a recitation of National Anthems of India, Afghanistan and Indonesia respectively. This charged the whole of the environment.

Dr. G P Vadodaria welcomed the audience.



Dr. Akshai Aggarwal addressed the audience and briefed them about the vision of GTU and about the Global MBA program. He explained that as the world is become flat, for MBA students, the study of the business environment in Gujarat and India will not be sufficient. The world is so closely inter-connected that even a small incident in one country can impact the whole of the world. Apart from the theories of business, students have to learn that rest of the world is a part of a common humanity.



Dr. Aggarwal said, "The University can never teach you what is required for the rest of your life. If a university makes you a good learner, its job is done". When a student learns about one

country, other than India, he/ she acquire a more catholic outlook and can learn about other countries more easily.



Mr. Irawan Sutiono started his speech in a very emotional tone. He felt great when he was able to recite his National Anthem with the Flag on the National Day of his Country, when he was thousands of miles away from his mother land. He thanked GTU and Dr. Akshai Aggarwal for providing this opportunity to him. He briefed the audience regarding the history of Independence of Indonesia from various colonial rulers. He shared that that his company was setting up a 3<sup>rd</sup> plant in Sanand, Gujarat after Chennai and Hyderabad. The plant would be ready for production by 2014 and will also be recruiting people for operations. Mr. Sutiono shared that his company has already recruited GTU graduates for their plant last year.

The new employees had been sent to Indonesia for training and will join here by next month. He shared that sugar and edible oil production industries are doing very well in Gujarat but industries like packaging and some machinery need improvement to match the international standards. He appreciated the initiatives by GTU to launch Global MBA program and GCSR and said that this will really help the education sector of Gujarat and India to prepare the management graduates who can compete at the global platform.

Ms. Pratibha Pandya and Ms. Manisha Pandya, Afghanistan Project co-ordinator of SEWA shared a presentation of the work of their centre for women empowerment in Kabul, Afghanistan, where they train Afghan women for food processing, garment stitching and embroidery for self-employment. They appreciated the efforts of GTU to study the various countries and making the student learned about different cultures and traditions to make them better professionals.



Mr. K H Patel congratulated GTU for its wonderful idea to celebrate the National Days of other countries as a part of the study project. He shared his experience regarding the diplomatic relations of India with Afghanistan and Indonesia. He shared that India has always worked for a peaceful environment in the continent and hence, helped and coordinated both these countries to create a healthy political and business relations.

Mr. Sunil Modi gave the credit of this successful and unique initiative in the form of National Day Celebration of foreign countries to Dr. Akshai Aggarwal and appreciated his dynamic ways of taking the education beyond the horizon. Mr. Modi explained the students regarding benefits of studying the foreign countries as a management graduates. He briefly presented the facts and business opportunities at Afghanistan and Indonesia.



Dr. Sarika Srivastava and Dr. Kaushal Bhatt briefed the audience regarding the Centre for Global Business Studies and the Guidelines of Technical session for Afghanistan and Indonesia.



In the technical sessions on Afghanistan and Indonesia, the students of Dr. Bharat Barad Institute of Management and



L J Institute of Management Studies made presentations on Basics of country, political, social, cultural and economic profile of the country, and export - import opportunities with the list of companies involved. They have also presented the documentaries on Indonesia and Afghanistan.

During the presentation of Afghanistan, the Afghan students, who came in the traditional "Pathani Suits", presented the details on their cultural and national symbols. They demonstrated the cultural dance where many local students joined along with the students from Myanmar and Nigeria. At the end they presented a beautiful documentary on Afghanistan showing all the famous places, and social customs.



Students of L J Institute of Management studies started their presentation with very beautiful and creative opening. With the Flag of Indonesia they marched in the conference

hall lead by Mr. Irawan Sutiono. They cut the beautiful cake as a celebration of Independence of Indonesia and sprinkled the hall with red and white ribbons as the colours of Indonesia.

Mr Sunil Modi and Mr. Irawan Sutiono evaluated the presentations by all students and awarded 5 students for their best performance including the Afghan student.



The program concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Keyur Darji. He appreciated the efforts and involvement of the students to make this event such beautifully executed.

All participants gave very positive and encouraging feedback. They appreciated the concept and efforts of GTU to strengthen the Global Country Study Program a lot with anticipation to take part in National Day Celebration of other countries in future.

#### Few Memories....



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