



Gujarat Technological University

Centre for Global business studies & CMAI association of india

2nd CONCLAVE ON AFRO-ASIAN COUNTRIES

19th July, 2014 @ GTU Chandkheda Campus

GTU has an extensive program of International studies. Under this program, Global Country Study Reports (GCSR) was introduced with a vision to make MBA program more qualitative, practical oriented and global. With the objective of making the GCSR program more interesting, CGBS has started a unique program of National Day Celebration and one would be glad to know that CGBS has celebrated national days of 18 countries. To provide the macro level information to the Faculties and Students about the business opportunities in Asian and African Countries 2nd Conclave was organized on 19th July, 2014



The dignitaries on the dais were (from left to right) Dr. G. P. Vadodaria, I/C Registrar GTU, H. E. Mr. Shaida Mohd. Abdali Ambassador of Afghanistan to India, H. E. Mr. Rizali W. Indrakesuma, Ambassador of Indonesia to India, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor GTU, H.E. Mr. Ndubuisi V Amaku, High Commissioner of Nigeria to

India, Dr. Lewis Mbilizi, Deputy High Commissioner of Malawi to India and Mr. N. K. Goyal President CMAI Association of India. The function was started with lightning of the lamp to Goddess Saraswati and National anthem of all five countries i.e. India, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Nigeria and Malawi was recited by all guests.



All the dignitaries were felicitated by Mrs. Sakuntala Aggarwal by offering a bouquet, memento and shawl.

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Dr. G. P. Vadodaria, I/C Registrar GTU welcomed all dignitaries by offering welcome speech. He has also shared the activities of all PG Research Centres at GTU. He highlighted the unique activity of i.e. National Day Celebration of GCSR countries. He also shared that in the academic year 2013-14 110 countries have been studied by MBA students whereas 112 countries will be studied by all management students in current academic year i.e. 2014-15. He also shared the objectives of GCSR

and its importance with the dignitaries.

Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Vice Chancellor GTU briefed the structure of Global Country Study Report (GCSR) and shared that students of semester-III have to study STEEPLED factors and in the final semester they have to carry out micro analysis with respect to any specific industry of the selected country. He shared that the focus of this GCSR is on Afro – Asian countries and the neighbouring countries of India. He has also shared that there are only few countries i.e. Great Britain, US, Russia and China that has done these kinds of studies in the world. Dr. Aggarwal mentioned that GTU has started this particular study to improve business relations and interactions with these countries. He also added that the prime motive of this study is to develop business relations between India and the country under study. Dr. Aggarwal informed that GTU has also started a joint research project with multiple countries in the world for studying the democracy of the world. He wished that GTU wants to carry out this project with all Afro-Asian countries. He informed audience that this would be a unique project which adds value to the understanding of the countries and its democracy.



Mr. Shaida Mohd. Abdali Ambassador of Afghanistan to India informed that it is his first visit to Gujarat and he praised economic development and sustainable growth of Gujarat. He shared that being a strategic partner of India people of Afghanistan take immense pride in India's technological achievements. He has also praised that Indian Doctors and Nurses are welcomed at all the countries of the world which is because of India's achievement in Medicine, Pharmacy and Biotechnology. He added that Afghanistan is the beneficiary of India's advancement in these fields. He also shared that

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education. He informed that within the framework of India – Afghanistan strategic partnership in higher education and technical assistance he requested to enrol more Afghanistan students in technical courses like Engineering, Pharmacy, Management and Computer Science. Afghanistan has started to work in the direction of higher education and requested university to help for the same.

H. E. Mr. Rizali W. Indrakesuma, Ambassador of Indonesia to India expressed that he is very much pleased with the hospitality of Gujarat and GTU as well. He stated that Indonesia is one of the very few strategic partners of India. Strategic partnership is the umbrella that gives way to opportunities for cooperation in Political, Economical and Social fronts. He informed that India and Indonesia are doing well in Economic segment. He emphasised that stake holders of Economic development for both the countries should be benefited the most. He welcomed academic proposals between Gujarat and Indonesia. He proposed student exchange, scholar exchange and faculty exchange. He also added that strategic partnership with India and Indonesia should be boosted with the active participation of Gujarat.



H.E. Mr. Ndubuisi V Amaku, High Commissioner of Nigeria to India expressed that he is feel very pleased to visit prestigious University, GTU second time. He stated that the progress of the world is based only on the progress of two continents i.e. Asia and Africa. He admitted that India is truly incredible. He added that the business relation between India and Gujarat with Nigeria has been remarkable and it is in accelerating phase. He praised the Global MBA program of Gujarat Technological University and added that the vision behind this practise would help the entire business fraternity of the world. He told to vice chancellor that “I salute your creativity, Innovation and Vision”.

H. E. Dr. Lewis Mbilizi, Deputy High Commissioner of Malawi to India started his speech with “Namaskar”. He praised economic development of Gujarat. He gave the example of Vibrant Gujarat and informed that he visited the event in the year 2008. He shared that Gujarat and Malawi has good business relations. He informed the audience that many Gujarat people are living in Malawi and doing business for many years. He proposed student exchange and faculty exchange program between Gujarat Technological University and the universities of Malawi. He added that such exchange program would help universities of both the countries to develop to the next level. He also gave presentation on “**MALAWI: YOUR BEST INVESTMENT CHOICE**”.



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The presentation focuses on investment option in Agricultural, IT, Commercial Banks, Tourism, Water Management, Energy, etc sectors.

In the post lunch session, Mr. Sunil Modi, Board of Advisor, GCSR and Mr. K. H. Patel, former Ambassador of India to various countries and Board of Advisor, GCSR took the sessions on “Exploring Africa and Asia” respectively. They explained business opportunity in various countries of Africa as well as Asia. Mr. Sunil Modi explained the benefits of GCSR to faculties of various MBA institutes. He added that GCSR should now remain only project but it also expands to practical trade between two countries i.e. India and selected country of study. He shared his personal experience with the audience of Africa. At last Dr. Rajesh Khajuria, Chairman GCSR and Director CKSVIM Vadodara propose vote of thanks to all dignitaries on the dais and off the dais.



Mr. N.K Goyal, President, CMAI thanked all the Excellency and Vice Chancellor for remaining present at GTU and he also thanked Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal and Dr. G.P. Vadodaria Registrar, GTU. He further said this is the unique occasion as the four Excellency has grace this event and we have also paid respect to the five countries by singing national anthem and as it is said that we live in the global world and education is beyond the boundary, technology has

brought changes in the way we talk, live, think and we do the business and trade and CMAI deals with lots of vice chancellor of the universities.

On behalf of Centre for Global Business Studies (CGBS) and GTU, Dr. Rajesh Khajuria, Director, CKSVIM, Baroda and Chairman GCSR committee has proposed vote of thanks to all Excellency and participants of the program. He advised deans of GTU that they should develop the relationship with the ambassadors of the countries to expand research activities of GTU. He talked about the higher education system of United States that their government invest 6% of the GDP directly or indirectly to the Higher Education as well as school education as they consider the education the top most priority where as in India we invest 3% of the GDP. Lastly he again thanked all those present at the event on behalf of Gujarat Technological University.



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