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Internationalization at MAHE

Welcome to the first edition of the 2023 e-newsletter of the Office of International Affairs & Collaborations (OIAC), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE).

MAHE has announced 2023 as the Year of Internationalization. As an Institution of Eminence, MAHE is committed to facilitating knowledge and cultural exchanges, recognizing diversity, being inclusive, and creating a stimulating environment enabling meaningful collaboration and strategic partnership. The focus is on increasing deeper engagement with universities and organizations of global repute and building an international community of MAHE. In the words of our esteemed Vice Chancellor, Lt Gen (Dr) M D Venkatesh, MAHE is striving towards a meaningful change in the global higher education landscape.



MAHE is taking several measures to ensure that the focus on Internationalization is percolated to each and every individual on the campus including the faculty, alumni, students, parents, and all the stakeholders. The emphasis is evident in all its relevant partnerships and outcomes, inching toward achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

This quarter's e-newsletter reflects numerous unique initiatives that support the Year of Internationalization at MAHE. It provides glimpses of expanding global partnerships with new collaborations, capacity-building initiatives, and participation in global events of importance. As a World Wide Manipal, we saw joint ventures with partner universities with delegation visits from long-standing friends of MAHE, the coming together of international collaborators for international symposiums/conferences/seminars, and the launch of new programs in collaboration with international universities. MAHE is proud of the numerous faculty and student accolades received on the international forums. The student testimonials section reflects the global opportunities at MAHE which provide an enriching life experience. The e-newsletter also takes you through the preparations for the Manipal International Summer School (MISS-2023) to welcome international students to the campus.

The contents of this e-newsletter will vouch for the small but significant initiatives that make MAHE truly a Global University. Hope you feel the Manipal vibes through our Aula Magna.

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New Partnerships for this quarter



World Wide Manipal

Internationalization at Manipal Academy of Higher Education

An interaction to remember: Hon'ble External Affairs Minister visits MAHE

Dr. S Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs, Government of India, visited Manipal Academy of Higher Education on 19 March 2023. He was invited as a guest speaker for the 29th leadership lecture series of TAPMI Manipal. Dr. H S Ballal, Pro-chancellor; Dr. M D Venkatesh, Vice-chancellor of MAHE; Dr. M D Nalapat, Professor of Geopolitics & UNESCO Peace Chair, and other MAHE officials participated in the program. The minister addressed a crowd of nearly 800 people that included MAHE faculty, staff, and students. Indeed an exciting moment for the University, the students were looking forward to interacting and gaining deeper insights into the Indian perspective of globalization and its stance in promoting education on the international platform.



During his interaction with international students, Dr. S Jaishankar emphasized the student exchange programs initiated by the Government of India. He remarked that student exchanges were a productive way to connect to the world, and expressed that initiating such exchanges facilitate international mobility in the post-covid world.

Answering students' questions on India as an education hub, Dr. Jaishankar said, "We have to work more at it. We are trying to become a much more natural destination, and if we consciously work on attracting more students, it is possible." The minister also commented on the increasing trend of distance education, "When Prime Minister Modi became PM, he promised to educate 50 thousand African students. The concept of distance education has made an enormous breakthrough after Covid," he stated.

It was a dream come true moment for the students from the Department of Geopolitics & International Relations, MAHE, when they had the opportunity to interact with the External Affairs Minister. The students were keen to know his views on the global issues and current affairs revolving around India-EU relations, BRICS, China-Pakistan diplomacy, and how India is surviving these geopolitical challenges.

A to Z about Manipal Summer School 2023

Manipal Academy of Higher Education announces 2023 as 'Year of Internationalisation' and we plan to organize international events across our constituent institutions to highlight the relevance and impact of internationalisation. MAHE proudly launches Manipal International Summer School – MISS 2023 this July. MISS 2023, the summer school program, is a gateway for an international student to explore the tropical biodiversity and enjoy the scenic beauty of the place located on the coastal belt of Southern India. MISS 2023 offers a blended learning module projecting 40 hours of academic and 40 hours of cultural experience for a period of two weeks spread across 20 academic themes. The 3-ECTS course will leave behind a unique experience for students to cherish both academically and culturally.

MISS 2023 will be held from 17-30 July 2023 with a mid-weekend International Students' Day celebration – KAIROS. KAIROS is an annual event of the International Office where international students blissfully experience the Indian culture through dance and art forms. MISS-2023 hence is going to be a special event awaited for to welcome students from across the world and experience India, experience Manipal. Visit India for a much-needed respite from the summer heat back home and enjoy the tropical monsoon in Manipal with lush green beauty rejuvenating your mind and soul.

For further details related to the program details, fee and themes related, visit <https://summer.manipal.edu/>



CAM welcomes new Working Committee

The annual induction ceremony for Campus Ambassadors Manipal(CAM) of MAHE took place on 4 March 2023, Saturday. The event serves as a formal welcome for the newly elected Working Committee members and an inauguration of a new term.

Campus Ambassadors Manipal is the official student organization under the Office of International Affairs and Collaborations(OIAC), MAHE. Every year, students are taken in to work under the guidance of OIAC in different fields, such as Cultural and PR, Newsletter, MAESTRO, and social media. They also take care of incoming foreign exchange students in Manipal.

The Induction ceremony was held at Senate Hall in the presence of Lt. Gen. (Dr.) M. D Venkatesh, the Honorable Vice Chancellor; Dr. Karunakar A Kotegar, the Director of Office of International Affairs and Collaborations(OIAC), MAHE; and the current board members of CAM. The event commenced with the arrival of the Vice Chancellor, followed by motivating and energetic speeches from the VC and the Director of OIAC. The board, Management Committee, and the Working Committee consequently received their official induction letters and lapel pins boasting the logo of CAM from the hands of the Vice Chancellor. After receiving letters and pins, the chairperson gave a speech and guided the new working committee through the oath-taking ceremony.



The ceremony ended with a fun round of entertainment and refreshments. It was the perfect start to a new year filled with many accomplishments ahead. Following the theme of MAHE for this year, i.e., achieving and realizing Internationalization at its best, CAM hopes to mobilize and facilitate international and cross-cultural interactions.

MAHE joins hands with Dalhousie University

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Dalhousie. The MOU was signed during the visit of a ten-member delegation from University of Dalhousie and Nova Scotia Health/Government Canada to the MAHE campus. The MOU aims to explore collaboration opportunities in the field of nursing at MAHE.



Key officials from both MAHE and the visiting delegation attended the MOU signing ceremony. Lt. Gen. (Dr.) M. D. Venkatesh, Vice-Chancellor of MAHE, expressed his delight at the partnership, and stated that "This partnership will create new opportunities for our students and faculty to exchange knowledge and best practices in nursing education and research."

This collaboration demonstrates MAHE's commitment to enhance MAHE's nursing program and enable students to gain a deeper understanding of international healthcare practices.

Team OIAC celebrates World Understanding & Peace Day

On 23 February 2023, the Office of International Affairs and Collaborations (OIAC), MAHE, celebrated World Understanding and Peace Day. The event took place in collaboration with all the clubs of Rotary in 3182 Zone 4). The event started with opening remarks by Rotarian Dr. Jayagowri, the District Governor of Rotary International District, 3182. Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. N N Sharma, and Dr. Karunakar A Kotegar, the Director of OIAC, addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of the event.

The address was followed by an engaging panel discussion to commemorate the year 2023 as the year of Internationalisation. The panelists were Mr. Vincent Marie (France), Ms. Emma Elizabeth Dawson Varughese (UK), Prof. Dr. Kazuyuki Furuuchi (Japan), and Mr. Karl Stephan Bouthillette (Canada). The panel discussion on Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (The World is one Family) was moderated by Dr. Praveen Shetty, Coordinator, Centre for Intercultural Studies & Dialogue, MAHE. The panelists shared their insights on the need for tolerance and understanding while engaging with other cultures and contributing to the global village.



The cultural part of the event began after the panel discussion. The cultural events saw performances from a beautiful mix of Rotarians and International students of MAHE. While the Rotarians demonstrated and boasted the wondrous local culture, the international students took to the stage to display a melange of Indian and their native cultures. The cultural evening gave students from different backgrounds and the members of Rotary an excellent platform for practicing interpersonal communication and showcasing diverse talents. The event ended on a high note with a photo session, dinner, and a strong spirit of togetherness.

SICI sponsors an International symposium

On the 16th and 17th of February 2023, Manipal College of Health Professionals(MCHP) conducted an International Symposium on *Early Intervention and Family Centred Services: Bridging the Gap to Participation and Inclusion for Children with Disabilities* in collaboration with Amar Seva Sangam, University of Toronto and McGill University; sponsored by **Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute**. This symposium is the first of its kind to be hosted by MCHP.

The symposium was inaugurated by the chief guest, Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. The guests of honor included Shri Sankara Raman Srinivasan, CA and visionary behind the Enabling Inclusion Program at Amar Seva Sangam, Dr. Karunakar A Kotegar , Director International Collaborations, and Dr. Padmaraj Hegde, Dean of Kasturba Medical College.



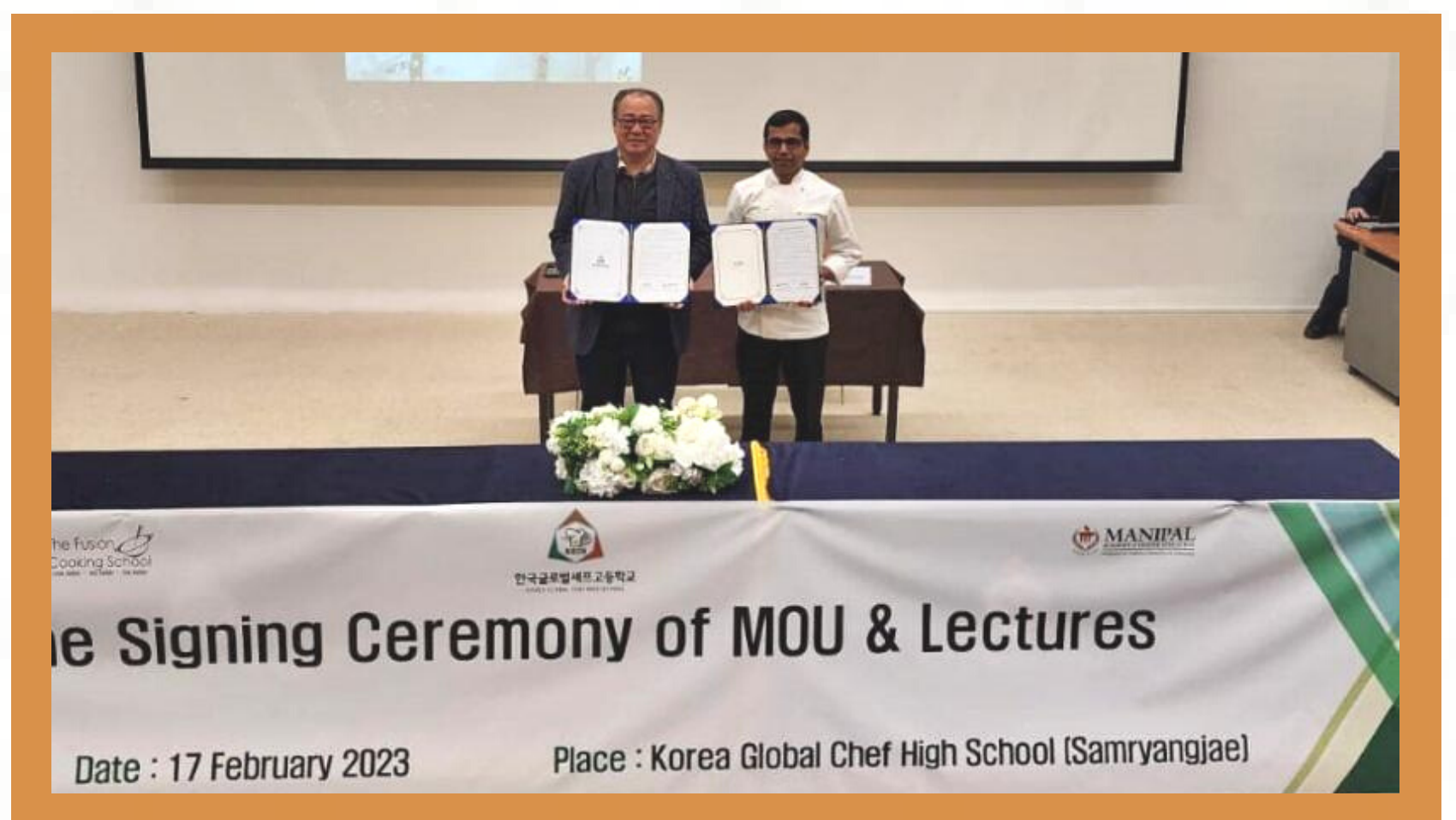
The symposium was focused on a partnership approach to healthcare, with families as the major stakeholders in the decision- making process. The symposium was held in hybrid mode with offline and online participants, along with delegates from MAHE, University of Toronto, McGill University, Canada, and Amar Seva Sangam, Chennai. Over 175 participants were a part of this symposium, making it an incredible experience.

A recipe for cross-cultural learning: Collab with Chef School

MAHE Hotel Management college boasts yet another international collaboration.

Students will be able to travel to the partner institution and experience the high standards of academic excellence, stellar reputation in the industry, and critical acclaim at both the national and international levels thanks to WGSMA's agreement with Korea Global Chef High

School (KGCS) of South Korea for student mobility. The agreement signing took place in the presence of Chef Song Soo Ik, Principal KGCS, and Dr. (Chef) K. Thirugnanasambantham, Principal WGSMA.



Into the world of Mathemagic: Dr. Arthur T Benjamin visits MAHE

Dr Arthur T. Benjamin, the renowned American mathematician specializing in combinatorics, recently visited MAHE Manipal and astounded everyone with his Mathemagic Show at the Manipal Institute of Technology.



Aside from the spectacular show he put on, Dr Benjamin also launched a new BTech Program, "Mathematics and Computing", during his visit. As a professor of mathematics at Harvey Mudd College, he brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the campus and everyone present was grateful to have the opportunity to learn from him.

Making Public Health Practical: KMC launches exclusive healthcare course

In developing countries, there is a high prevalence of tropical diseases, and doctors in these areas face challenges due to the high cost of post-graduate courses and limited opportunities. To address this issue, MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières)

International introduced the Global

Health and Humanitarian Medicine (GHHM) course, a low-cost, part-time program for mid-career doctors. The aim of the course is to improve patient and programmatic care in areas where it is most needed.



The GHHM course utilizes blended learning methodology, with weekly seminars led by National and International experts at collaborating institutes, such as Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Christian Medical College, Vellore and JIPMER, Puducherry. The course is open to medical doctors with a minimum of two years of work experience. Successful completion of the program leads to the award of a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (DTMH) by the Royal College of Physicians, London, UK.

Deakin University VC strengthens partnership with MAHE to promote global citizenship

Deakin University's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Iain Martin, recently visited MAHE Manipal in a bid to strengthen the longstanding relationship between the two prestigious universities. During his visit, Prof. Martin delivered a thought-provoking speech on the topic of "Impacting Global Citizenship through Internationalization of Higher Education" as part of the Vice-Chancellor's Oration - 2023.



Drawing from his own experience of studying and working in diverse cultural and educational settings, Prof. Martin emphasized the crucial role of collaboration and knowledge exchange in the global higher education space. He underscored the importance of equipping students with skills that enable them to thrive in a global workforce that demands adaptability and resilience in the face of complex challenges.

MAHE Manipal and Deakin University have a rich history of collaboration, spanning two decades and ranging from student pathway programs to research partnerships and faculty and student exchange programs. This year, MAHE is celebrating the "Year of Internationalization" to promote global networking and encourage students to embrace their roles as global citizens.

Prof. Martin applauded MAHE's efforts in internationalizing higher education in India and pledged to strengthen the partnership between the two universities to promote global citizenship through the internationalization of higher education. The visit was a pivotal moment in the ongoing collaboration between the two institutions, with both universities demonstrating a shared commitment to driving meaningful change in the global higher education landscape.

Building Bridges

Student & Staff Achievements, guest talks, and more..

MAHE PhD student bags an Int. award and visits the Arctic



Mr. Sagar Filipe Wankhede, a PhD Research Scholar from the Department of Civil Engineering, Manipal Institute of Technology, MAHE, was awarded the Svalbard Integrated Arctic Earth Observing System (SIOS) Early Career Researcher (ECR) award recently. This award covered his to and fro travel and accommodation in Svalbard, near the North Pole. This award was granted to him to present his research

during the Polar Night Week conference, held at Longyearbyen, Svalbard. He spent one month in the Arctic, at the international observatory SIOS between January 20 and February 20, 2023, presenting his research paper and interacting with the researchers of SIOS. His work is expected to improve understanding of the melting properties of the glaciers, in the context of global warming.

Mr. Sagar was the only recipient of this travel award from Asia, and the first person to travel to Svalbard, Arctic, from the Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

En route to Iceland: 10 students receive ISPE Scholarships

The Department of Pharmacy Practice, in association with the Center for Toxicovigilance and Drug Safety, inaugurated the *MAHE ISPE Student Chapter* and release of '**Visha Vivechane**,' an educational documentary for farmers on 9 February 2023 at Shirdi Sai Baba Conference Hall.

ISPE serves as a platform for students to interact with various professionals in the area of Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety. It provides free webinars and interactive sessions for students and directs them to various research opportunities across the globe. The chapter also enhances internationalization and training opportunities for the students of MAHE and different countries.

Under this chapter, 10 members including office bearers received scholarships from the International society for Pharmacoepidemiology to attend the ISPE's Mid-Year meeting that is being held in Iceland in April 2023.

Mid-year Meeting 2023

Travel and Registration Grant

 Ms. Riyona D'Silva (Guide: Dr. Rajesh V)	 Ms. Pooja Poojary (Guide: Dr. Girish Thunga)	 Mr. Chaithanya (Guide: Dr. Girish Thunga)	 Ms. Mansi Pawar (Guide: Dr. Sreedharan)	 Ms. Ananya Rudra (Guide: Dr. Vijayanaraya)
<h3 style="color: purple;">Registration Grant</h3>				
 Mr. Muhammed Rashid P.P (Guide: Dr. Sreedharan)	 Mr. Ayyappa Chagi (Guide: Dr. Girish Thunga)	 Mr. Amar Patil (Guide: Dr. Sreedharan)	 Mr. Sanjay Mathew (Guide: Dr. Sonal Sekhar M)	 Mr. Muhilvannan S (Guide: Dr. Sonal Sekhar M)

Breaking language barriers: Centre for Kannada & Regional languages opens language classes to MAHE students

Worldwide, 21 February evokes the clamorous yearning for languages that apprehend, fashion worlds. In keeping with its tradition of celebrating linguistic legacies, the Department of Languages(DoL), MAHE, organized an array of events in the week of 21 February 2023, culminating in the inauguration of the **Manipal Centre for Kannada and Regional Languages**. The Centre acts as a nodal point for the diffusion of Kannada and regional languages through language course offerings such as Mātāḍōṇa Kannada, translation projects, and a textbook and public digital repository development program.

Dr. P Giridhar Kini, Registrar of Manipal Academy of Higher Education launched the festivities on 21 February with the inauguration of the photo exhibition Kannada Shale by acclaimed lensman Astro Mohan. Students and staff also tried their hand at Kaavi Kale, an exquisite architectural ornamentation art from the Konkan region, in a workshop by researcher and art practitioner Janardhan Havanje.



The carnival of languages, verbal and visual, concluded on 23 February with the inauguration of the Centre for Kannada and Regional Languages by Pro Vice- Chancellor Dr. Madhu Veeraraghavan. The inauguration was a huge success; this initiative paved way for both MAHE and International students to learn the vibrant local languages present along western coast of Karnataka. Interested students can apply and enrol for classes. MAHE looks forward to contributing to national and international goals of harnessing linguistic diversity given its impact on UNSDGs by establishing a dedicated Centre for Karnataka's languages, especially Kannada, Tulu, Konkani, Beary, and Kodava.

Hospitality students experience and learn through FIFA 2022



Final-year students from the hospitality and culinary arts program had a memorable and fun-filled learning experience while undergoing internships at 5-star hotels in Qatar and Oman during the FIFA World Cup 2022.

These unique internships at Shangri-La, St. Regis, and Sheraton hotels exposed students to a multicultural workplace and offered a transformative opportunity to spend a semester abroad working while immersing themselves in a new culture, learning new skills, developing lasting friendships, and creating lifelong memories.

Experience MAHE

Lilian Geny: Voyage from France to MAHE



My name is Lilian. I'm a software engineering student from Paris. In the context of my studies, I had the opportunity to do an exchange semester with MAHE. I came to Manipal to conduct a project and arrived here on September 10th from Paris. I remember I felt very disoriented on my way to Manipal; everything was so different, and the culture shock was brutal; I was assaulted by so much information. The first few weeks were all about getting used to life in India and overcoming the culture shock phase. Here is a non-exhaustive list of things I had to adapt to- Climate, cows on the street, chaotic traffic, noise, a lot of honking, food, transportation, gestures, and much more. In India, I was a foreigner which is something I was confronted with for the first time. I got a lot of attention because I was white. Some people were asking me for photos on the street, were shaking hands... I felt like a celebrity, although I've done nothing to be considered as such.

I visited as many places as I could- Murudeshwar, Kudremukh, Agumbe, Goa, Rajasthan, Bangalore, Delhi, and the Taj Mahal. I felt like each day in India was an adventure. I had so many things to learn, to try, and to understand that I couldn't really stick to a routine. But the people in India were always very helpful to me, and I rarely had a bad experience with anyone. This experience was incredible on the personal side. I feel it made me evolve. I feel more patient than before, I took a humility lesson. I learned to go outside my comfort zone. I learned to adapt myself to any situation, I learned to let worries go. I'll miss the colors and the intensity from India. I know I'll come back again.

Written by Lilian Geny

Aravind Kamath: Journey from Australia to MAHE

During January 2023, KMC Manipal gave me the opportunity to undertake a student observership at Kasturba Hospital Manipal in orthopaedics, ophthalmology and general surgery. I have been coming back to India, my country of birth since I was a child. However, this trip was a new experience for me, being able to see the Indian medical system function and being able to learn from my fellow medical professionals in India. It was a privilege to be in an institution founded by TMA Pai, a Konkan man of which I am myself also. Overall, my experiences were very positive, especially due to the quality of medical staff whom I was shadowing.



Compared to Australia, the Indian system has much higher patient volumes, with the level of resources and medical cover for patients differing immensely. Yet, the Indian system flourishes and effectively provides care to people from all walks of life. I say to my Australian colleagues – India is fast medicine and Australia is slow medicine. Both are effective in their own ways. But if you tried to swap the two systems, the Australian system would not work in India and the Indian system would not work in Australia! That is the beauty of the Indian system. I left with a tinge of sadness since my time in KMC Manipal was so enjoyable and I didn't feel like leaving. My time there has left me with great memories. I would like to thank my supervisors in each of my rotations – A/Prof Madhava Pai from the orthopaedics spinal unit, Prof Rajagopal Shenoy from general surgery and Prof Yogish Kamath from ophthalmology, as well as Dr Freston Sirur and the International Office for helping organise my elective.

Written by Aravind Kamath

Guest visits from across the globe



Leibniz University Hannover



University of New Brunswick



University of Manchester



ECAM France



Capilano University



IDP, IELTS



Binghamton University



University of South Florida



University of London



Tampere University



Deakin University



Virginia Commonwealth University



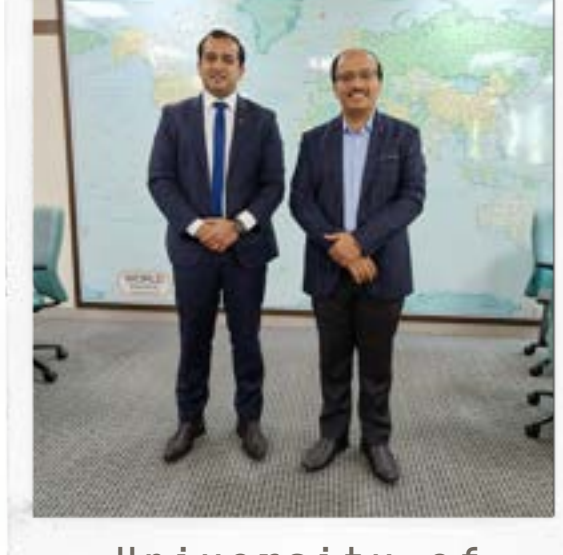
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Tallin University



University of Maldives



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