

LU welcomes GTU Students and Faculty Members at a Reception

International Global Experience Program (from 15th June to 29th July 2012)

A Reception for GTU Students and Faculty Members was organised at 3:30 PM on Monday, 18th June 2012 at Great Hall, R.D. Parker Building in the University Campus.

Dr. Vasu Apana, Dean, Faculty of Science introduced Dr. Robert Kerr, Vice-President, Academic and Provost of the Laurentian University (LU), Dr. Kalpdrum Passi, the coordinator of this Global Experience Program and two coordinators from the GTU. He also introduced LU faculty members Dr. Abdel Omri, Dr. Gerado Ulibarri, Dr. Kalpdrum Passi and Dr. Khaled Mahmud who will teach the students of Computer Science and Engineering, and Pharmacy during the 6 week program. Along with the study, it is proposed to organise a trip to Ottawa, the capital of Canada) on 1st July 2012 on the occasion of Canada Day. Another trip is being organized for Niagra Falls on 15th July 2012. Dr Apana emphasised that this program provides an excellent opportunity for the students to strengthen their academic foundation.

Dr. Robert Kerr welcomed and addressed the students. It will be a great experience for us to host this Global Experience Program and he wished students to focus on study, have fun and enjoy their stay in the campus.

Prof. Chaubey gave a brief information about how this IEP program was conceptualised by Dr. Akshai Aggawal, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University (GTU) and he was pleased to inform that this program was finally implemented this year for the students of Computer Science and Engineering, and Pharmacy.

On behalf of the Hon. Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University, Prof. Anita Mehta thanked the dignitaries of the Laurentian University for giving an opportunity to GTU students to study two subjects of the Computer Science and Pharmacy. She further expressed that this kind of program should be extended to the Master and Ph.D Students as well and emphasised that this type of academic collaboration should continue during the coming years for the benefit of students at large.



[During Reception: A view of group photographs of all the students with Dr. Robert Kerr, Vice-President and Provost, Dr. Vasu Apana, Dean, Faculty of Science and other faculty members at Great Hall in the University Campus]



[During Reception: A view of faculty members From Left Dr. Anita Mehta, Dr. Abdel Omri, Dr. Kalpdrum Passi, Dr. Robert Kerr, Dr. Gerado Ulibarri, Prof. Nirbhay Chaubey and Dr. Vasu Appana at Great Hall in the University Campus]

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STUDENTS' STATEMENT

We the students of GTU are very much obliged to Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Honourable Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University for giving us this unique lifetime opportunity to participate in the Global Experience Program at Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

The day of departure was full of excitement. Our flight experience from Ahmedabad to Toronto was thrilling and moreover learning experience. The shuttle bus that was provided by the University at the Toronto airport was on time and we really enjoyed the journey from Toronto to Sudbury. The driver of shuttle was very friendly. During the journey he briefed about interesting places in route to Sudbury.

Though we arrived with a feeling of home sickness, when we entered the country, the nature and beauty of Canada engulfed our hearts and moment of joy started. The facilities at the university residence are very nice, having well equipped furniture, internet facility, games room, study room and gym etc. The gas stove, microwave & refrigerator etc. are available in the kitchen for preparing breakfast and snacks to satisfy our hunger for Indian food.

The food is very hygienic and healthy which is arranged by the university. The chefs are very helpful and cooperative. They are ready to learn the recipes of Indian cuisine and prepare the Indian food with a tasty touch. Every day they provide us different kind of Indian vegetarian food. So we are really enjoying our food.

The people around here and university staff are very supportive and kind enough to take care each one of us and we are very much honored to have the chance to get to know them. We feel humbled by their admirable hospitality in the way they guide us.

Overall, we are enjoying a lot at Laurentian University....