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Message from the Director



**DR. N. MANOHARAN,
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The Office of International Affairs (OIA) strives to "Enhance the quality of Education and Research through internationalisation. With a mission to broaden the academic experiences of students and faculty, OIA promotes: i) Interdisciplinary courses designed and offered by Academic and Industry Partners from abroad; ii) Joint supervision of Ph.D. scholars; and iii) Internships in MNCs and academic institutions students have been given opportunities to participate in Semester exchange and Semester abroad programmes, international student competitions, Hackathons, Summer programmes, Cultural Immersion programmes, leadership programmes, etc. organised by Partner Universities, twinning, and Dual or Double Degree programmes with Universities such as RMIT, Deakin, Swinburne, Western Sydney in Australia, Naresuan University in Thailand, Chicago Kent Law School affiliated with the Illinois Institute of Technology, the University of New Haven, etc.



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Hindustan at NAFSA

The 75th NAFSA Annual Conference held in Washington, DC, from May 30 to June 2, 2023. With over 3000 professionals from around the world attended it. It provided an unparalleled platform for individuals to engage with international education leaders and change makers. This grand gathering aimed to foster stronger academic connections between HITS and global academics, while also offering participants the chance to network with like-minded peers and industry experts who share a common vision of "Inspiring an Inclusive Future." The conference truly embodied the spirit of collaboration and innovation, making it a must-attend event for anyone passionate about international education.



AICTE Chairman with HITS Team

Prof. TG Sitharam, Chairman of the AICTE, visited the Indian pavilion and highlighted the importance of the National Education Policy (NEP) and also expressed his unwavering support for international education opportunities for students hailing from India and beyond.



MoU with Western Michigan University

The meeting between Ms. Yumi Takahashi and the Chancellor of HITS signifies a shared vision for the future, where academia transcends boundaries to create impactful partnerships. By signing the MoU, both institutions have solidified their commitment to working together on potential research projects and student exchange programmes. This collaboration holds immense potential for students, researchers, and educators alike, as it opens doors to new opportunities for learning, growth, and knowledge sharing.



Visit to George Mason University (GMU)



A visit to George Mason University's Fairfax Campus, VA, in association with the USA-India Collaboration Council (UICC) was led by the Chairman of UICC, Mr. Mohit Gambhir. During this visit, Mr. Gambhir took the opportunity to provide valuable insights into the ongoing and forthcoming projects with US universities.



Delegates Visit

Delegate visit from University of Wollongong, Australia

Mr. Saravanan Nagarathinam, the Manager of International Partnerships at the University of Wollongong Australia (UOWA), visited HITS to explore new avenues of collaboration. With a keen focus on enhancing students' learning experiences, Mr. Nagarathinam is spearheading initiatives such as the 2+2 and 3+2 programs, which allow students to gain valuable international exposure by studying in multiple countries. Moreover, he is also proposing to sign a MoU with potential partner institutions to solidify these collaborations and foster long-lasting relationships.



Faculty Visit

Visit to King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Bangkok, Thailand

The recent visit of Dr. V. Preethi, Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, to King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Bangkok, Thailand, has opened up exciting possibilities for academic and research collaboration. Dr. Preethi had the privilege of visiting the Department of Environmental Engineering at KMUTT, where she engaged in fruitful discussions with Prof. Dr. Pitch, the Head of the Civil Department, and Prof. Noi. The meeting centred around exploring avenues for future collaboration in academia and research between these renowned institutions.



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Visit to Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand

Dr. Preethi's visit to the Environmental Management Department at AIT, Bangkok, Thailand, was an opportunity to witness the exceptional work being done in the field. Engaging in extensive discussions with esteemed professors and researchers such as Emeritus Prof. Nguyen Thi Kim, Prof. Thamarat Koottatep, Prof. Ekbordin Winijkul, and Asso. Prof. Wenchao Xue, Dr. Preethi delved into the intricacies of air quality management and energy production from wastewater.



Visit to Southeast Bangkok University, Thailand



Dr. V. Preethi had a discussion with Prof. Wang Kun Chen at Southeast Bangkok University, Thailand, about future projects and joint publications on source apportionment studies to compare the air quality between Chennai and Bangkok.

Climate and Clean Air Conference (CCAC2023)



Dr. V. Preethi attended the Climate and Clean Air Conference at Southeast Bangkok University, Thailand



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Students' Exchange Program

"The world is a global village, and education transcends borders. It is fascinating to see young minds take on opportunities to learn beyond just their classrooms".

Mr. Annamalai Bowie is currently doing his dual degree programme in MBA Green Business at IMAT, Germany. As a part of the project, he travelled to the "University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR)" in Ghana, and worked for nine days with the students of the UENR to identify all the key areas for emission reduction. The project is fully funded by the German government and was led and managed by Professor Ranahasa Dasanayake.



Three students from CSE, **Ms. Dheeptha Senthilkumar**, **Ms. Sharon Divya**, and **Mr. Jayaprakash Kartikeyan Nithesh Kumar**, are representing HITS in the academic exchange programme with Dongguk University, South Korea. The programme allows for cross-cultural education experiences and promotes knowledge exchange between the two institutions.





Mr. Sri Ratan (B. Tech. Aeronautical) is pursuing a twinning programme (2+2) at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia.



Mr. R. Rahul (M. Tech. EEE), pursuing his dual degree postgraduate studies in EEE at Naresuan University, Thailand.

Research Internship: SIT, Tokyo

Mr. Suraj, Mechatronics [2019-23], is doing his final semester as a research exchange student in Japan. He is working on a project titled “Web Based Environment Visualisation and Teleoperation Tool for ROS-Based Robots” in the System Software Lab in the Computer Science Department of Shibaura Institute of Technology, Toyosu Campus. He recently presented a paper at a conference called ICCCNT, IIT Delhi.



Events & Celebrations

Bastille Day 2023

The consulate General of France in Pondicherry and Chennai invited the HITS team to celebrate French National Day on July 15, 2023. The presence of the esteemed HITS team, including Dr. N. Manoharan, Dr. Rajeev PV, and Ms. Sukhee Lee, added a touch of prestige to the event. The consulate General's invitation to HITS demonstrates the recognition and respect garnered by the institution, further solidifying its reputation as a leading centre for education and research in India.



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Alumni Chapter

INAUGURAL MEET OF HINDUSTAN – AMERICAS ALUMNI CHAPTER

The Inaugural meet of the Chapter was held on 3 June 2023 at Virginia, USA. The Chief Guest was Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese, Chairman, Hindustan Group of Institutions. The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were: Mr. Enid Verghese, Director-CODE; Dr. Manoharan N, Director-International Affairs; and Dr. Jaikumar M, Head, Department of Automobile Engineering, HITS.

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Inaugural Meet of Hindustan - Americas Alumni Chapter

Date: 3 June 2023 at 3PM EDT | Venue: The Westin Tysons Corner, VA

Chief Guest
Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese
Chairman, HGI

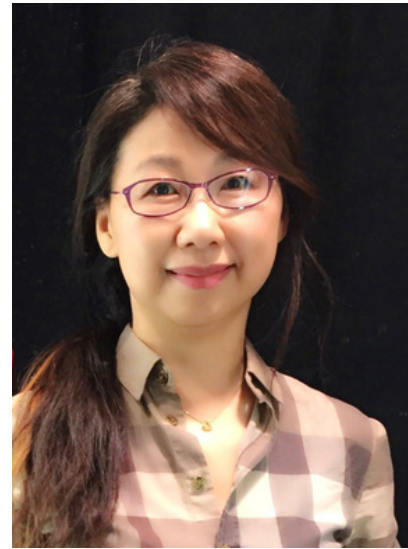
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