

AIBC EDU CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY A BIG SUCCESS!

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This unique conference in Sydney brought together NSW University leaders with IIT Directors and Deans from India to explore joint Research Partnerships and Exchanges. AIBC EDU Chapter (NSW) conceived and launched this in collaboration with IIT Alumni Association of Australia. Themed, "Education Partnership with India in the New Era", it leveraged the new Era of dynamism in Indian Government with expanding IITs and their drive to connect globally in Research and Joint Programs.

Attended by more than 100 higher education leaders from NSW Universities, IITs of India, AIBC and IIT Alumni, the Conference addressed

- (a) The role and power of IITs of India and how Australian Universities can harness them
- (b) Australian Case studies and Best Practices on Research Partnerships with IITs
- (c) New Research Collaboration between Indian and Australian Institutions including Corporations and
- (d) Exchange of Faculty and Students, with high powered Panels of Experts from India and Australia.

Prof U.B. Desai, Director of IIT Hyderabad said, "This is a fantastic Conference that brought together all the top people from both sides. We exchanged key opportunities and had many 1:1 meetings to pursue specific action items. It gave us the opportunity for networking with fantastic Australian hospitality. I made a lot of connections on this visit and hope to fructify them in due course of time."

Prof Mark Hoffman, Pro Vice Chancellor (research) from University of NSW said, "The initiative was an excellent one, and in my view, was very successful. It certainly helped to make UNSW more familiar with a number of the IIT's and hopefully will lead to more reciprocal and collaborative agreements."

Mr Murali Dharan, Chair of AIBC EDU Chapter (NSW) reported, 'Besides the Conference, IIT directors were facilitated in number of 1:1 business meetings with NSW University leaders at VC/DVC/PVC levels that brought exceptional results for both sides. We hope to include all the Australian Universities and all 16 IITs and 13 IIMs (Indian Institute of Management) of India in the future.'

Besides such facilitations, the AIBCNSW Education Chapter is also piloting a Mentoring program called JODI, whereby visiting Indian students and faculty in NSW Universities are helped socially and professionally by Indian Diaspora, thus creating a unique support system during their exchange program stay in Australia. In line with AIBC Charter, the Education Chapter strives to promote and develop two-way exchange of people between India and Australia as a vital ingredient for success.

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