AIESEC Outbound Session Debriefing Session (July, 2014)

AIESEC is being promoted by the University to facilitate global student leadership experiences in PDPU students. AIESEC, PDPU last year had sent 22 students in 13 different countries for one month duration and this year 26 students from different schools of PDPU have undergone 2 month Youth Global Entrepreneurial Program, AIESEC Internship in Mauritius, Egypt, Russia, China, and Malaysia. Hence a De-briefing session was organized on 17th July, 2014 where students shared their experiences and learning's from global internship experience. List of student is as below:

Name	Branch and year	Country
Jaimin Korat	SOT - Civil - 1st year	Mauritius
Jay Hulani	SPT	Mauritius
Mehul Patel	SOT - Civil - 1st year	Mauritius
Dhruv Prajapati	SOT - Industrial -1st year	Egypt
Nirav Patel	SOT - Electrical - 1st year	Egypt
Divyesh Pateliya	SOT - Electrical - 1st year	Egypt
Anaya Vithalkar	SLS - 1st year	Russia
Aayushi Shah	SOT - Civil - 1st year	Russia
Himanshu Goenka	SLS - 1st year	Russia
Dhruv Patel	SOT – Mechanical -1st year	Mauritius
Adnan Kureshi	SOT - Mechanical - 1st year	Mauritius
Kushal	SOT - Mechanical - 1st year	Mauritius
Pranav Barad	SOT - Industrial-1st year	Russia
Yash Patel	SOT - Industrial-1st year	Russia
Udit Shah	SOT – Mechanical -1st year	Mauritius
Preyash Kapadia	SOT - Industrial-1st year	Russia
Jinal	SLS - MA	Egypt
Abhay Bishwas	SPT – 3rd year	Russia
Ruturaj Sagar	SPT – 3rd year	Russia
Hitisha Dadlani	SPT – 1st year	Malaysia
Yash Patel	SLS – 2nd year	China
Mansi Patel	SLS – 2nd year	Egypt
Devang Patel	SLS – 3rd year	Egypt
Niyati Shah	SLS – 3rd year	Egypt
Dhruv Patel	SLS – 3rd year	Egypt
Tushnaa Ginwala	SLS – 2nd year	Egypt

Student achievement at International Platform

Jainisha Chavda, from SLS 2010 batch, has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious Commonwealth Shared Scholarship award by the UK government, in order to pursue her master's program in University of Birmingham. This is a fully funded scholarship and would allow her to pursue master's program in International Development. This is a merit based scholarship and is open to the students from all nationalities of the commonwealth countries. Besides this, she has won two more prestigious scholarships:

- She won a full tuition scholarship at the University of Leeds, the only full tuition award available for the international students at the university.
- She was also offered a tuition scholarship to pursue the Young India Fellowship program in New Delhi.

Bhoopali Nandurkar of SLS 2013 Batch is being sponsored by US government to study in Community College for one year. There was a rigorous three layer exam which she has cleared and certificates have been given to her by US Consulate.

Ms. Riva Patel of SLS will be joining University Of Sheffield for her Masters in International Relations.

Ms. Archita Bhalotia of SLS will be joining Marywood University, US for her Masters in Psychology.

Ms. Krishna Bodawala of SLS will be joining Humber College, Toronto Canada for her Masters in Developmental Services Program.

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Institutional Centric Activities

International Round Tables

Roundtable on Building World Class Institute in India
May, 2014

Mr. Palak Sheth, Director – Planning and development, PDPU organized a roundtable workshop on Building World Class Institute in India on 5th May, 2014. Directors, Dean, Vice-Chancellors, Educational Advisors and other dignitaries from renowned university in India i.e. IIM-Ahmedabad, Nirma University, IIT-Gandhinagar, NUEPA-New Delhi, Gujarat University, GTU, DTE etc were invited to present their views on the same. In the workshop characteristics of world class institute were discussed and the factors that help in achieving academic excellence were discussed.

India-UK Roundtable
July, 2014

On 24th July, 2014 OIR organized an India-Britain Roundtable on "Power sector reform & renewable energy development". Rt. Hon. Edward Davey MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, UK was the chief guest during the Roundtable. Some of the dignitaries present were Shri D.J.Pandian (IAS, ACS-EPD), Mr. Pete Betts (Director-International Climate Change, Department of Energy & Climate Change, UK), Ms. Amy Jenkins (Country Engagement Team, Department of Energy & Climate Change, U.K.), Mr. Joseph Timothy Cranston-Turner (Economic Adviser, International Climate Change, Department of Energy & Climate Change, UK), Mr. Phil Marker (Head & Counsellor- Energy, Climate & Growth team, British High Commission India), Mr. Simon Petrie (First Secretary - Energy, Climate & Growth team, British High Commission India), Mr. Kumar Iyer (British Deputy High Commissioner, Mumbai).

International Educational Fairs

British Councils UK in city Mission
July, 2014

On 16th July, 2014, Office of International Relations (OIR) played host to UK in city mission where in representative of 3 universities of UK, Manchester Metropolitan University - Manchester, University of the Highlands and Islands - Scotland and University of Greenwich discussed interacted with directors and faculty members of PDPU on exploring various avenues of education and research collaboration. Also, they discussed on faculty's role in such collaboration. The representatives of these universities delivered presentation of their respective universities and later universities interacted with student on one to one basis through table top exhibition which enabled students to access detailed information through prospectuses and direct interaction with the delegates from the three UK institutions.

MOU's Signed

Saxion University, Netherland

PDPU signed general MOU with Saxion University, Netherland on 12th July, 2014 for cooperation and collaboration in the field of education and research, to exchange knowledge and facilities.

Cape Breton University, Canada

PDPU signed MOU with Cape Breton University, Canada on 22nd July, 2014.

The Consortium of Co-Chairpersons –Industry (CCI) announced Technology Education Excellence Awards 2013 to recognize the excellence in different aspects of working of technical Universities, where PDPU received award for Best University in Internationalization of its Faculty and students – 2013.

International Event

International Conference on Chemical Industry-2014

PDPU organized ICCI-2014 as a Pre-Vibrant Gujarat Summit in association with Industrial Extension Bureau (iNDEXTb), Govt. of Gujarat for Chemical Industry promotion, Collaboration & Innovations. The Vibrant Gujarat Summit provides opportunities to exhibit strengths and core competencies of Gujarat to potential investors and partners' in different sectors from foreign countries.

Key Note Addresses, Panel Discussions, Consultation Meetings, Group Discussions etc., in Plenary Sessions and Parallel Sessions were conducted for the below topics:

- Chemical Industry: Macro policy discussions
- CEO Roundtable on Chemical Industry Prospects and Challenges'
- HR–Head Round Table on World Class Human Resources for Chemical Industry
- Chemical Industry- Academia: R & D and Innovations' were held

Representatives of Government & Industry leaders, Technocrats, Managers, Academicians, R & D organization participated in the Conference.

International Visitors

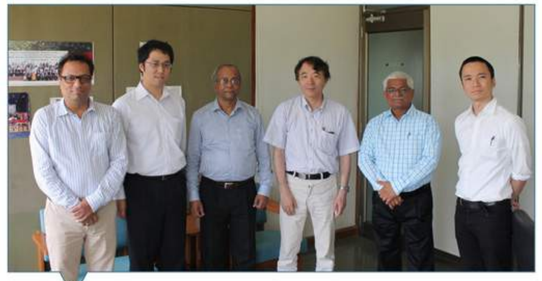
Minister of Human Resource Development of Government of India Visit
June, 2014

PDPU welcomed Mrs. Smriti Irani - Minister of Human Resource Development of Government of India, Shri Saurabh Patel - Hon'ble Minister, Energy and Petrochemicals of Government of Gujarat and Shri D.J. Pandian - Principal Secretary, Energy and Petrochemical Department of Govt. of Gujarat visited PDPU on June, 2014 and interacted with faculty, staff and students of PDPU.

Islamic Republic of Iran
July, 2014

On 2nd July, 2014 OIR organized visit of 15 members of Islamic Republic of Iran to PDPU and introduced them to various schools, infrastructure, lab facilities, program structure and campus of PDPU.

Institute of Energy Economics, Japan
July, 2014



On 7th and 8th July, 2014 Mr. Akihiro Kuroki - Managing Director, Global Environment & Sustainable Development Unit, Mr. Shumpei Watanabe and Mr. Shimizu Tohru, IEE Japan visited Mr. Hemant Trivedi, Director - School of Petroleum Management to discuss regarding undertaking of joint research on "Fuel pricing mechanism in India".

University of Southampton, UK
July, 2014

Ms Jo Nesbitt, Deputy Director International Office and Prof Mark Spearing Pro-Vice Chancellor International visited PDPU to discuss various aspects where PDPU and University of Southampton can work in collaboration in the field of petroleum management, M Tech and PhD research, student exchange activities for B Tech, M Tech and SLS students.

Consul General of Singapore
July, 2014

On 10th July, 2014, Mr. Ajit Singh, Consul General of Singapore and Mr. Wong Ken Mun, Centre Director, Mumbai, South Asia Group, International Enterprise, Singapore. This visit to PDPU was organized with a purpose of discussing possible collaboration between Singapore and Gujarat in the field of education.

Cape Breton University
July, 2014

PDPU signed MoU with Cape Breton University, Canada on 22nd July, 2014 to promote faculty, student exchanges and joint research activities in the area of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and also to organize joint conferences, symposia and other scientific meetings.

US Ambassador to India Visit
Aug, 2014

U.S. Ambassador Kathleen Stephens, Chargé d'Affaires along with by U.S. Consul General, Thomas Vajda visited PDPU on 21st August. Ms. Kathleen and her team visited Solar Farm and interacted with SPM students specialized in energy and infrastructure.

Canadian Delegation visit
Aug, 2014

Mr Harjeet Bajaj, CEO of Tiara Business Solutions Canada, co-CEO of an innovative Canada India water accelerator/investment program and President of Canada India Business Exchange Program and Prof. Simarjeet Saini, Professor from University of Waterloo visited PDPU on 27th August, 2014. Prof Saini, expert in area of nanophotonics and optical systems interacted with faculty of PDPU about his research in area of nanophotonics.

Upcoming International Events

Enerasia 2014

PDPU is organizing ENERASIA 2014, on 26th and 27th September in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, which is an international Summit where world energy leaders will participate in Mega Exhibition, a Human Resource Conference and various Seminars. ENERASIA 2014 will provide a global level platform for stake holders of the energy sector to discuss innovative concepts, investment ideas and sustainable energy solutions.

ENERASIA 2014
Global Energy Summit, Gujarat, India

International Competitions for students

The UK Science and Innovation Network's Essay Writing Competition

PDPU encouraged its students, researcher and academics to participate in UK Science and Innovation Network (SIN) India essay writing competition on 'Building innovation capacity in India'. For other details, please visit: *https://www.gov.uk/government/world-location-news/uk-science-and-innovation-network-essay-competition*

High Commission of Canada's Marketing Strategy Competition for Indian Students

PDPU also promoted High Commission of Canada, in India's marketing strategy competition for student on the theme of "Positioning Canada as a destination of choice for higher education and research among students in India." For other details, please visit: *www.ican.net.in/canadacompetition*

Student Centric Activities

International Exposure Program

I-CREATE (May, 2014)

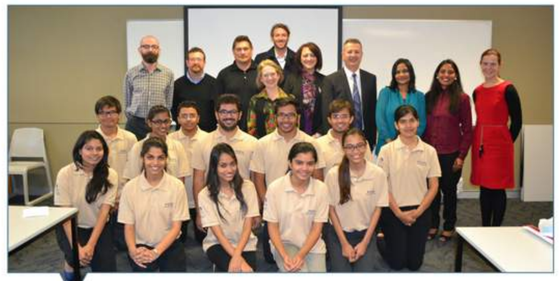
10 students from School of Technology & School of Petroleum Technology went to Technion University, ISREAL in collaboration with ICREATE. PDPU also aims at giving students an opportunity to understand global benchmarks in innovation and entrepreneurship. Hence PDPU has partnered with Icreate for a 12 day exposure program from May 06, 2014 - May 18, 2014 at Technion University. Technion University is the leading university in Israel, ranked as world's 25 best engineering universities. Technion University is located in Israel, which is also known as "start-up nation", having around third largest start-ups listed on NASDAQ. The program comprised of lectures, industry visits, networking events and local site visits. The major deliverables of the program were:

- Understanding of technology start-ups in Israel
- Understanding of Israeli start-up ecosystem
- Opportunity to leverage best practices in innovation
- Networking opportunities with Israeli entrepreneurs, accelerators, incubators, VCs and Technion faculty.

School of Technology - University of Saskatchewan, Canada (June – July, 2014)

42 students from B.Tech Mechanical / Civil Engineering went to University of Saskatchewan, Canada for International Exposure Program 2014 with aims to give global exposure to Mechanical / Civil Engineering students. The duration of the program is be 04 weeks from June 16, 2014 – July 18, 2014. The program comprise of Seminars on Engg. Topics, industry visits etc.

School of Liberal Studies - University of Wollongong, Australia (June, 2014)



12 students from School of Liberal Studies went to University of Wollongong, Australia for International Exposure Program 2014 with aims to give global exposure to SLS students. The duration of the program will be 04 weeks from June 01, 2014 – June 30, 2014. The program will comprise of Seminars on following topics: 1) Political Philosophy 2) Introduction to Sociology 3) English Academic Writing 4) International Media & Communication 5) Research in Social Science & Humanities.

Department of Nuclear Energy - Texas A&M University, USA (July, 2014)

12 M.Tech Students along with three faculty members from the Department of Nuclear energy, PDPU spent five weeks in USA for Nuclear Security training series (NSTS). They spent two weeks at Texas A&M University (TAMU), one week at Sandia national Laboratory (SNL), one week at Oak Ridge National laboratory (ORNL) and finally attended 55th annual Institute of Nuclear Material and Management (INMM) at Atlanta. As a part of the collaboration between the Nuclear Security Science and Policy Institute (NSSPI) at TAMU with PDPU, a series of lectures encompassing various topics in nuclear security were given on site at USA. This is an international effort to help prepare a cohort of well trained students in nuclear security topics before they enter the Indian nuclear workforce.

International Students at PDPU

International Admission

- Hemja Trivedi from Dubai has taken admission in B.A. (Hons.) in School of Liberal Studies.
- Pal Brahmbhatt from Tanzania has taken admission in B.A. (Hons.) in School of Liberal Studies.
- Farooq Jafri from Muscat has taken admission in B.Tech in School of Petroleum Management.
- Aditya Ramakrishnan from Uganda has taken admission in B.Tech in School of Petroleum Management.
- Vignesh Rao from Muscat has taken admission in B.Tech in School of Petroleum Management.
- Shakti Mansingh Rathore from Dubai has taken admission in B.Tech in School of Petroleum Management.

AIESEC and PDPU

PDPU has been promoting student leadership by promoting AIESEC activities at campus. AIESEC.; PDPU last year had sent 22 students in 13 different countries for one month duration and this year 30 students from various schools of the University have undergone 2 month AIESEC Internship in Mauritius, Egypt, Russia, China, Malaysia wherein the students explored the cultures of these countries and provided community development services with the NGOs they were associated with.

Around the same time, AIESEC also hosted 30 interns from 10 different countries viz. Egypt, China, Taiwan, Poland, Indonesia, Portugal, Costa Rica, Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine etc. in the PDPU campus. This initiative was conducted under its 6 week long Project MAGIC-Make a Globally Integrated Community. The international interns worked with different NGOs and schools teaching underprivileged children; learning about the Indian lifestyle, societal issues and also contributing to the society.

The interns showcased and shared their country's culture, souvenirs and traditions in the Global Village. Students, faculty and staff members attended it and interacted with the interns.

A mutual exchange of culture and new ideas was observed every evening as the interns worked with the student clubs of PDPU namely Sorriso, VGA, Offbeat, Soul Pepper. This exchange and the preparations with the clubs were presented as performances in the cultural evening i.e. closing ceremony of the project.
Rang and Jharokha, the fine arts and literary club of PDPU respectively, arranged workshops for interns to give them a better understanding and awareness of the exquisite Indian art and rich history in these fields.

By the end of Project MAGIC, AIESEC also opened its recruitment process this month for the PDPU students. Over hundred registrations were recorded for the same. Post this, rounds of group discussion, case study and Personal interviews will be conducted and at the end of the rigorous drive, only best 15 of the lot will be recruited.

Travel Grant Scholarships to students for paper presentation

- Kinjal Chaudhary from SLS presented paper on "Committing to child survival in India: Case study of Gujarat Government & Services" at International Conference on Culture, Knowledge and Society i.e. ICCKS – 2014 in Macau.
- Hitanshi Vakta from SLS presented paper on "An Empirical Study on Work life and Quality of life of working women in public and private sector" at International Economics Development Research Centre (IEDRC) in Kuala Lampur, Malaysia on 11th May, 2014.
- Neha Gurudatt from SLS presented paper on "Postpartum Depression in Working & Non-working women" at International Economics Development Research Centre (IEDRC) in Kuala Lampur, Malaysia on 11th May, 2014.
- Palak Mediratta from SLS presented paper on "Child Obesity and self Esteem: A co relational study" at International Economics Development Research Centre (IEDRC) in Kuala Lampur, Malaysia on 11th May, 2014.
- Jainisha Chavda from SLS presented paper on "Various International Issuer" at Hope XXL Summit in UK on 28th May, 2014.
- Chaarvi Modi from SLS presented paper on "Implication of Japan's Military Resurgence on South Korea, Taiwan and the People's Republic of China" at International Conference on Education, Psychology and Social Science in Taiwan on 6th August, 2014.
- Parth Trivedi from SPT presented paper on "Innovative Kick Detection System for HP/HT wells using a section of the BHA" at Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, USA on 5th May, 2014.

International Research

PDPU had signed MoU with University of Manitoba in February, 2014 for student internship and graduate program and with regards to it, UoM delegation visited PDPU in March first week to interview students for 10 week internship. Mr. Kartik Kapoor, Civil Engineering student from school of technology got an opportunity to pursue Summer Research Internship with Dr. Nan Wu, ETA - Mechanical Department of UoM for the project 'piezoelectric flexible pavement', where he performed simulations, worked on Matlab software and other research methodologies to conduct his research.

De-Briefing Session

IEP Debriefing Session – SLS (July, 2014)

A debriefing session was conducted on 23rd July, 2014 for the 12 students and 2 faculty members who were a part of IEP - University of Wollongong, Australia and all the students of SLS, all the faculty members along with the staff members of PDPU were invited to attend the debriefing session wherein the students and faculty members shared their experiences, learning in their journey of IEP.

OIR Student Centric Activities Debriefing Session August, 2014

On 2nd August, 2014 where De-briefing session of 6 major OIR activities were conducted in presence of Shri D.J. Pandian - Principal Secretary, Energy and Petrochemical Department of Govt. of Gujarat and Mr. Palak Sheth- Director (Planning and Development), PDPU. In the debriefing session the students shared their experiences, learning and also provided suggestions and scope of improvement for future exchange programmes. The debriefing session was conducted for:

- I-CREATE
- IEP – School of Liberal Studies @ University of Wollongong, Australia.
- IEP – School of Technology @ University of Saskatchewan, Canada.
- Academic Exchange Program, Department of Nuclear Energy @ Texas A&M University, USA.
- Youth Global Entrepreneurial Program, AIESEC Outbound Exchange Program
- Summer Research Internship @ University of Manitoba