

Report: VJTI faculty delegation to Australian universities

Sub: **Delegation of faculty members to visit Australian Universities in Feb-March'2009.**

A delegation of eight teaching faculty members comprising of various departments have visited the Australian Universities as per the following details.

- i. UNSW; Sydney
- ii. Victoria University; Melbourne
- iii. RMIT University, Melbourne
- iv. Deakin University; Melbourne
- v. Flinders University; Adelaide
- vi. University of Tasmania; Hobart
- vii. University of Western Australia, Crawley, Perth

Objectives of the VJTI Delegation:

The Institute aimed at exploring the various possibilities of sharing the research studies, staff and students' exchange, the revision of course contents as per the needs of the industries on national and international levels etc.

A delegation of representatives of various departments visited above universities to study the systems and possible future relations for mutual benefits and up gradation. The brief objective of visit was

- To visit the Faculties of Technologies at university, to know about the areas of mutual collaboration / research. To know about the areas of expertise and excellence in the various faculties
- To have short term and long term collaborations by way of students exchange and faculty exchange and research activities
- The faculty members (individually) visited the following departments at various universities:
 - Electrical engineering
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Civil Engineering
 - Environmental Engineering
 - Production Engineering
 - Economics and Humanities
 - Computer Engineering

Prof. B.K. Lande; Dy. Director, VJTI, led the delegation to Australian Universities.

List of members of the VJTI Delegation:

SN	Name of Faculty	Designation	Department
1	Prof. B.K.Lande	Deputy Director	Electrical Engg
2	Dr. Medha Dharap	Prof & Head	Mechanical Engg.
3	Dr. Prashant P.Bhave	Asst.Prof.	Civil & Env.
4	Madhukar Nagare	Asst. Prof.	Production Engg
5	Shashikant Premlal Borkar	Asst.Prof.	Textile Engg.
6	Mahesh Raghunath Shirole	Asst. Prof.	Computer Engg.
7	Pramod Borole	Lecturer	Electrical Engg
8	Mrs.Shashi Agrawal	Lecturer	Engg.Economics

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conclusion, the visit to the Australian Universities was very encouraging from the point of view of the proposed objectives. Various departmental representatives have identified areas of mutual collaboration / joint research and student's exchange, in particular with post graduate and doctoral studies. The undergraduate students exchange was also discussed in detail, at all the universities but were found to come across a few practical difficulties. The members are hopeful to find a solution to the practical difficulties with consultation at Institute level.

The delegation also had a meeting with the VJTI Alumni at Sydney, where the VJTI past students hosted a welcome dinner to the delegation members. We are thankful to Dr.Vijay Joshi, Sydney, Australia for organizing the welcome meet.

The detailed reports of the universities, areas of possible exchange and research are a submitted as a part of university visit report to the Director's office.