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Report on

International Students and Research Scholars Meet 2016



University Centre for International Co-operation has organized a one day International Students and Research Scholars Meet in the campus on 9th December 2016, in association with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Trivandrum. The objective of the programme was to provide a platform for all international students who are studying in various universities and colleges in Kerala in Mahatma Gandhi University Campus, for interactions and experience sharing with faculty and students of Mahatma Gandhi University, having academic, cultural and social interactions to boost up the international co-operation.

There were 52 International participants representing countries like Africa, Afghanistan, Indonesia etc. who are studying at Kerala, Cochin, Calicut Universities and Kerala Kalamandalam, Trichur. The Inaugural function started at 10.15 am. Dr. Sajimon Abraham, Director, UCIC welcomed the gathering. The programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sheena Shukkur by lighting the lamp followed by the Inaugural speech. In her speech Pro VC has shared her experiences as an International Student while studying for Post Doctoral Programme in USA. Dr. A.M. Thomas, Professor, School of

International Relations and Politics chaired the function, the Regional Director of ICCR, Ms. Madhurkankana Roy, given the keynote address; Dr. K.K. Saju, Director, International Students Centre, CUSAT; Mr. Sharafudeen, Member, Syndicate, Dr. K. Indulekha, HoD, School of Pure and Applied Physics were facilitate the gathering. The function congratulates Dr. El Hadji Mamour Sakho for his Ph.D awarded by giving a shield. Mr. Reta Melaku, student co-ordinator, proposed a vote of thanks.



Facilitating Dr. El Hadji Mamour Sakho for his Ph.D awarded



MGU IS&R Meet 2016 Participants

After the lunch break a Presentation & Discussion on Global Education: Opportunities and Challenges in Kerala was given by Dr. Raju K. Thadikkaran, Former Director, UCIC. In his deliberations he concentrates on the challenges, faced by M.G University in particular the UCIC related with admission, eligibility issue and the accommodation related matter in connection with International students.



Acknowledging the Regional Director, ICCR by presenting a Memento by the Director UCIC

After the Lunch break the participants along with the invited guest gone for a campus walk, walking around various departments, centres, administrative wing, interacting with people and seeing the infrastructure facilities. Dr. Sabukuttan in Department of Life Long Learning gave a small session explains the various life long learning activities like yoga, counseling etc After the tea break the interaction and personal sharing were held during 3.30- 4.30 p.m. From 4.30 – 6.30 pm various cultural programmes like Thiruvathira, Afghan Dance, Bharathanatyam, Kalari Pait, Cultural presentations of various countries habits and celebrations were held.

Cultural Programmes



There was a feedback session where the participants expressed their views, suggestions about the program which will be a valid input to make the programme in future. There was a concluding session at 6.30 p.m. where the Regional Director of ICCR was in the chair and coordinator of the meet. Dr. Sajimon Abraham was expressed vote of thanks to all participants.

Dr. SAJIMON ABRAHAM
Honorary Director
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