

Student Corner



Manan Jain, a second year PGP participant, presented a paper on "Gifting: A new approach to Economy" in the 7th Annual Green Economics Conference organized by the Green Economics Institute (GEI), UK on the 19th, 20th and 21st July 2012, at Oxford University. Invited as a speaker, one amongst the two selected from India, he delivered the presentation over skype on the 1st day of conference. He deliberated about the present economic system, its effects on the environment and society and how the concept of Gift Economy can be applied to address these socio-economic problems. His views were well received by the audience which included academicians and policy makers from around the world. Based on the feedback from the imminent personalities present, he would like to take this further and start a non-profit organization based on the ideas presented.

Faculty Corner

Prof. Sanjoy Mukherjee was invited to participate at the **Fifth World Congress of International Society of Business Economics and Ethics (ISBEE)** at Warsaw during July 11-14, 2012. The theme of the conference was **Tradition and New Horizons: Towards the Virtue of Responsibility**. He delivered two paper presentations on 1) **Towards Siecle du Lumiere for Ethically Enlightened Management** and 2) **Teaching, Training and Research on Business Ethics in South Asia.**

Director's farewell



Inauguration of the PGPEX Program in Ocean University China, Qingdao



The Chinese Module of the first ever Sino-India global post graduate program of management for executives (PGPEX) was inaugurated on 15th of July 2012 at OUC, China. The group of 35 participants of PGPEX program reached Qingdao, China on the previous night and the mood among the participants was one of elation for the forthcoming venture into the Chinese module. The inauguration program was attended by the faculty member of the Economics department of OUC, China and by the two member delegation of IIM Shillong faculty members including Prof. Basav Roychoudhury and Prof. Tara Shankar Shaw and the PGPEX participants. The inauguration included welcome addresses by Prof. He Yiming (Director Sino-USA Management program), Prof. Dai Hua (Director International Office, OUC) from OUC, Prof. Basav Roychoudhury from IIM Shillong and Ms. Kanchan Phogat, Class Representative of the PGPEX participants. The inauguration function was also attended by Prof. Ning Aihua, Director International Education Center, OUC; Prof. Gao JinTian, Director, Department of International Economics and Trade, OUC. Following the welcome address there was a formal introduction by the students and the evening ended with traditional Chinese dinner hosted by OUC. Prof. Dai. GuiLin, Dean College of Economics, OUC joined during the dinner.

Prof. Yiming in his welcome address stated that this is the new beginning for IIM Shillong and OUC, China. He stated that after the three short-term Advanced Management Programs between IIM Shillong and OUC, China the PGPEX marks a new beginning for a long-term relationship of camaraderie and trust between the two institutions. Prof. Hua underscored the point that PGPEX course marks a new beginning not only for the two institutions but also among the two countries. He said that the course entails to develop international business leaders and hoped that the candidate will take forward the hospitality of the two nations into the paradigm of new business ventures. He emphasized that the participants will understand the Chinese way of life and business culture and thus enabling them to be the ambassador of Sino-India way of living into the Global business community.

Prof. Roychoudhury stated that it is a history creating moment for the two institutions and for the two countries associated with the PGPEX programs. He welcomed the students and said that they should be proud of themselves to be the part of this history creating moment. He said that the group of the thirty five students is selected through tough competition. Out of one thousand candidates who applied for the course five hundred were selected for the interview and out of these five hundred only thirty five were selected into the course. In the end he thanked OUC in behalf of IIM Shillong and he mentioned that his visit to Qingdao is always being like home coming due to their hospitality. M. Kanchan Phogat showed her gratitude towards IIM Shillong and OUC, China and showed the enthusiasm, on behalf of the student, to learn about the business practices of two large growing economies of the World.

Bidding a Visionary Leader Farewell
IIM Shillong presents Prof AK Dutta a grand send-off



The 16th day of July witnessed a celebration with a different flavour – a celebration of the success and visionary leadership of Prof Ashoke Kumar Dutta, First Director of IIM Shillong who bade the Institute the very best amidst his soulful farewell speech.

A grand farewell ceremony put in place was attended by students, Faculty, officers and staff of the Institute. "Prof Dutta's willingness to serve as the First Director contributed immensely towards the vesting of a dynamic student and administrative culture," were words of acknowledgment sounded by speakers on the day.

While concluding his address Prof Dutta challenged students to follow in the footsteps of being socially committed and to rise above their circumstances – irrespective of what it may be, and to live life to the fullest with utmost care for fellow colleagues.

To honour the contributions of Prof AK Dutta, the Institute presented him with a silver salver hand inscribed by the most renowned artisans in the country.

The ceremony was concluded by a formal lunch gathering and an impressive send off.

Prof Keya Sengupta is now stepping into the lead role as Director In-charge, in the process, perhaps, becoming the first ever Lady Director of any IIM across the country.