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Building Bridges: Transformative Power of Internationalization at MAHE



Cooperation with Indian universities is crucial to Leibniz University Hannover, Germany (LUH), especially with the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE). The exchange of students, joint research, and the intercultural experiences gained by both sides significantly contribute to the qualitative development of the universities. It all began with a discussion on potential cooperation with the International Center for Applied Sciences (ICAS) in MAHE in 2012. The first Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed was with ICAS for two plus two engagements at the integrated Master's level with intensive German language. An official MoU between both institutions was subsequently signed for student exchange and joint research cooperation. In recent years, there have been student exchanges in the fields of engineering and science. Currently, there are discussions about a potential joint PhD program under the National Education Policy (NEP) and Cotutelle initiative.

In addition to these activities related to the expansion of student and academic exchanges and joint research, the relationship with MAHE is particularly characterized by cooperation in the training course "Management of Internationalization". In 2014, Ms. Shantala Pai was selected to participate in the Dialogue on Higher Education Strategies - Management of Internationalisation (DIES-Mol) training course coordinated by the International Office of LUH.

This cooperation gained depth and dynamism, and MAHE became a regional partner for DIES-MoI training courses, organizing regional workshops from 2016 onwards. Funded by the DAAD and German Rector's Conference (HRK), the training course aims to build capacity, facilitate networking, and promote internationalization of higher education in universities across Asia, Latin America, and Africa. With six training cohorts, each consisting of thirty participants from the three regions, a total of 180 participants, including 60 from Asia, have benefitted from the program. These participants are actively applying their newly acquired skills at their respective institutions and sharing their knowledge within their regions. Consequently, universities have been continuously adjusting their strategies and activities to promote internationalization in teaching, study, and research.

Dr. Birgit Barden-Läufer Director, International Office, Leibniz University Hannover



New Partnerships for this quarter



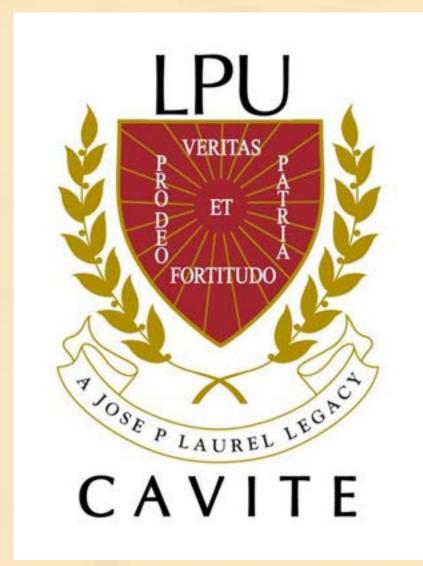








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Experiencing MAHE

International Delegation Visits

Sparking Culinary Fusion: At-Sunrice, Singapore **Explores Partnership with WGSHA**



In a flavorful exchange of ideas, a delegation from At-Sunrice, Singapore, embarked on a journey of exploration at WGSHA on 6 February 2024. Welcomed warmly by the college Principal, the delegation was treated to a tantalizing showcase of WGSHA's infrastructure, innovative curriculum, and dynamic teaching methods. As the day unfolded, the delegation embarked on a sensory adventure, traversing the campus's culinary museum, state-of-theart classrooms, bustling training kitchens, inviting restaurants, and student amenities. The end of the visit culminated in a momentous occasion as the delegation met with the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to formalize a Memorandum of Understanding for student mobility. This visit has led the way for an exciting partnership, promising a fusion of culinary excellence and academic innovation. In this culinary odyssey, the flavors of WGSHA and At-Sunrice blend harmoniously, paving the way for a deliciously fruitful collaboration.







Beyond Profit: Navigating the Landscape of Marketing with Australian Catholic University

On 26 February 2024, the Department of Commerce at MAHE, Bengaluru hosted a captivating guest talk titled "Strategic CSR-based Marketing in Alignment with Contemporary Trends," featuring Mr. Alexander Campbell, a seasoned Lecturer from the Peter Faber Business School at the Australian Catholic University, Melbourne.

With over 19 years of diverse experience and a keen business acumen, Alexander had navigated senior roles in Business Management across various domains. Now, with two years at ACU under his belt, Alexander would be embarking on a full-time role as a Digital Marketing Lecturer, aiming to impart invaluable insights to future marketing leaders.



Exploring Global Synergies: A Visit to Manipal Law School

On 4 March 2024, Sneha Mishra, Commercial Advisor at the U.S. Commercial Service, Bengaluru/U.S. Consulate General, Chennai, and Ms. Samudra Kugel, Director of LLM Admission from UC Davis School of Law, USA, visited the Manipal Law School (MLS), MAHE, Bengaluru campus. Dr. Rahul Mishra, Associate Professor of Law, MLS, received the guests and introduced them to Professor Avinash Dadhich, Director, MLS, MAHE, Bengaluru, in his office.



Embracing Excellence: MAHE Extends a Warm Welcome to TU Delft



Professor Regina J. Hoffmann, a Senior Lecturer at the Institute for Languages and Academic Skills at Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), Netherlands visited the Department of Humanities and Management at MIT Manipal during 29-31 January 2024. During her visit to MIT Manipal, Ms. Hoffmann conducted two enriching sessions. On 29 January 2024, she led a half-day workshop on academic writing and publications tailored for the faculty members of the Department of Humanities and Management. On 30 January 2024, she held a special session focusing on 'Intercultural Communication and Effective Multicultural Teams'.

Dr. Hoffmann's expertise shed light on the intricacies of intercultural communication. MAHE foresees to strengthen association with TU Delft for potential collaborations on academic initiatives.



MCHP optimizes Adjunct Faculty Expertise

Dr. Elizabeth Oommen, adjunct faculty at Department of Speech and Hearing, Manipal College of Health Professions, MAHE, Manipal, participated in the two-day seminar on Dysphagia Assessment and Management approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India from 10-11 January 2024 at Manipal.

She is currently serving as an Associate Professor in the department of Speech Pathology and Audiology (SPAUD) at the University of Calvin, USA.



German professor conducts doctoral colloquium at MAHE





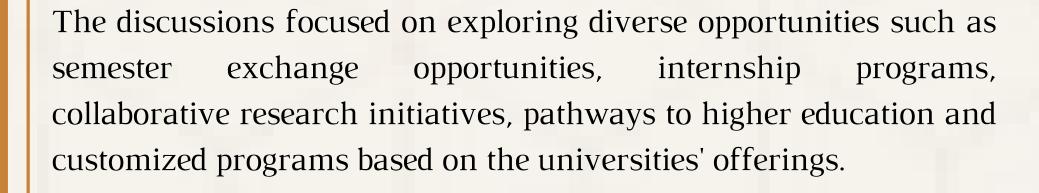
Ms. Sina Häusler, a doctoral research scholar at the University of Dresden and part-time lecturer at Hochschule Bremen, Germany, visited the Manipal Centre for European Studies (MCES), MAHE in February 2024 as part of the academic mobility program under the prestigious DAAD Scholarship. During her stay in Manipal, she taught courses such as European Business Environment and Simulations: Negotiations in the EU to the students at MCES.

She conducted a Doctoral Colloquium on the topic "Data Processing on Online Labor Platforms under the GDPR". Ms. Häusler introduced many new concepts to the audience, including the registration practices of online workers in American and German labor platforms, and highlighted the disparities in their adherence to the EU General Data Protection Regulation. The session served to be informative and piqued the interests of students and staff alike.

MAHE Bengaluru collaborates with US Universities

On 12 February 2024, a cohort of professors from Manipal Institute of Technology Bangalore, Manipal Law School, Manipal Institute of Regenerative Medicine, Department of Liberal Arts, Department of Commerce & Department of Public Policy engaged in fruitful discussions with six prominent universities from the United States.

The inhouse team interacted with delegates from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Pennsylvania College of Technology, University of San Diego (USD), Kennesaw State University (KSU), State University of New York, Buffalo (SUNY Buffalo) & St. Louis University.







Building MAHE Faculty news and milestones

Breaking Boundaries: Divya Kalavala Awarded Prestigious Fellowship

Divya Kalavala is an early career academic who currently teaches English and Interdisciplinary courses for university-level students in India. Her research interests are focused on the intersection of caste, gender, and sexuality within film studies.

The 2023/24 Charles Wallace India Trust Fellowship has been awarded to Divya Kalavala. During her residency from 21 January – 16 March 2024, Divya translated *Lasumavva's Land*, a Telugu language novel written by the prominent Dalit author Gogu Shyamala. The novel is a biographical account of Gogu's great-grandmother, during the Nizam period that describes and highlights the operations of caste in those spaces. It portrays the lives of communities such as Mala, Madiga, Baindla, Dakkali and Mangali, each having clearly demarcated occupations within the village.





Tech student Triumphs: Awarded MITACS Globalink Fellowship



Mr. Aravind Krishnan, a third-year Computer Science Engineering (CSE) BTech student at Manipal Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, has attained a significant milestone by obtaining Canada's MITACS Globalink fellowship. He will undertake a 12-week internship in the summer term at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His project, titled "Knowledge Graph Construction for Antimicrobial Resistance Identification," highlights his dedication to impactful research.

This achievement is particularly noteworthy as it marks MIT-Bengaluru's inaugural MITACS student internship offer, reflecting the institution's commitment to providing global exposure to its students.

Management professor from MAHE to lead Max Planck Partner Group in Germany



Dr. Kavitha Ranganathan, Associate Professor of Finance and Associate Dean of Research, TAPMI Manipal has been appointed as the Head of the Max Planck Partner Group by the Max Planck Society (MPG) in Germany. The appointment, confirmed by Dr. Patrick Cramer, President of the MPG, highlights a significant milestone in research collaboration. Funded by the MPG, the Partner Group will receive €20,000 annually for a maximum of five years. Dr. Ranganathan's research proposal, "Boosting Risk Literacy and Risk Communication among Finance Professionals," was selected for innovative approach addressing fundamental risky its to yet interdisciplinary research questions.

The Max Planck Partner Group, a joint venture between the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin and T A Pai Management Institute (TAPMI), MAHE, aims to foster research excellence and interdisciplinary collaboration. Dr. Ranganathan's appointment underscores TAPMI's commitment to advancing research and international partnerships.

MAHE Professor appointed to IEEE Global Educational Activities Committee

Dr. Megha Arakeri, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at Manipal Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, has been appointed as a member of the IEEE Global Educational Activities Committee. Dr. Arakeri has demonstrated commitment to community projects and outreach initiatives. Recognizing her expertise and dedication, Dr. Arakeri has been selected to serve on the IEEE EPICS committee of the Educational Activities Board (EAB) at the global level for 2024. The committee focuses on empowering young engineers to collaborate on projects that bring positive changes to communities worldwide. In her capacity representing Region 10, Dr. Megha Arakeri will engage in mentorship, project reviews, funding decisions, and increasing visibility for technical projects globally.





Life at MAHE MAHE through the eyes of international guests

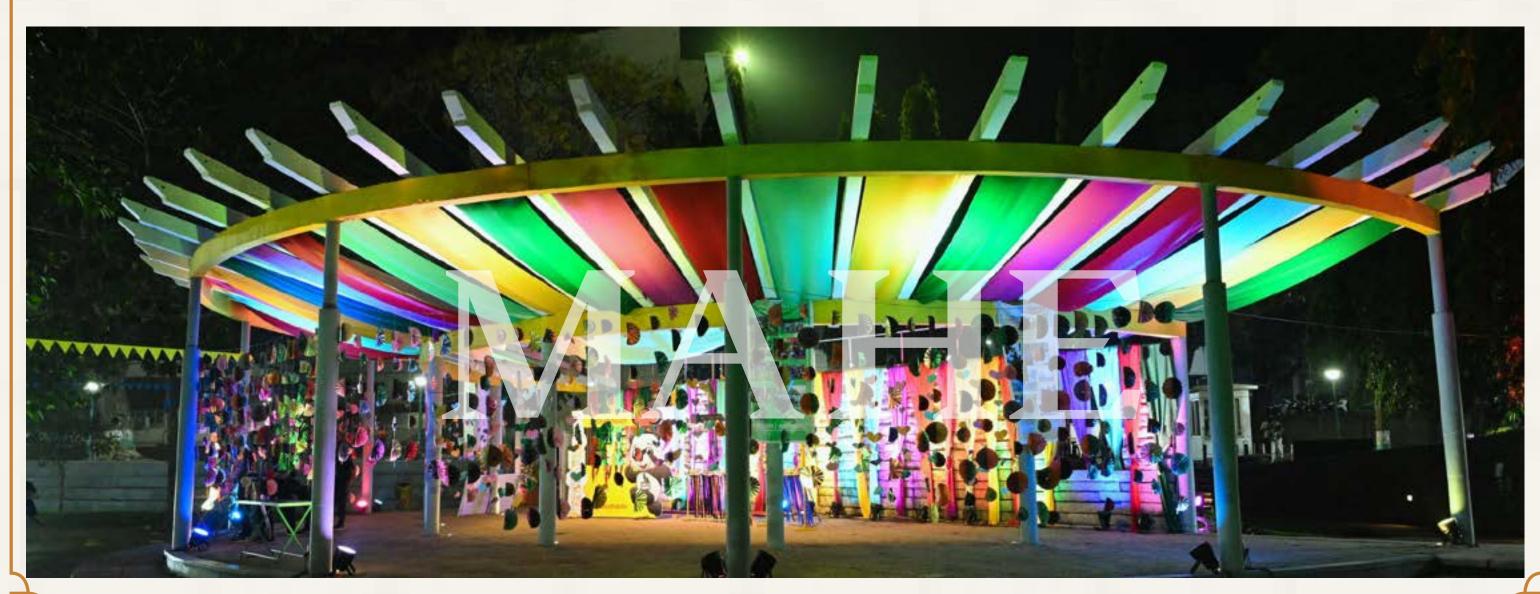
My Exchange Semester at Manipal: Pia Marie



I had the chance of being part of the Master of Sociology for 16 weeks at the Manipal Centre of Humanities. I received a very warm welcome and attended three different courses which are all different. It's a lot to learn but also interesting to learn new things especially about India. During the weekends I had the possibility to explore Manipal and its surroundings. Until my travel back I am looking forward to learn more about India, meet more people and try more of tasty Indian food.







Observerships at MCHP



A group of 13 occupational therapy students accompanied Ms. Nikki Lyons, Practice Education Coordinator and Senior OT Clinical Educator at Barwon Health, along, completed a three-week clinical observership at the Department of Occupational Therapy, Manipal College of Health Professions (MCHP), MAHE, from 3 February to 26 February 2024. During their observership, the students had the opportunity to observe cases across various clinical specialties, including Neuro-rehabilitation, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, and Mental Health.

On 4 March 2024, Ms. Tiffany Wanyue Chan and Ms. Minjia Chen two final-year optometry students from the University of Melbourne, visited the Department of Optometry for four weeks. These students were here for observership at Department of Optometry, Manipal College of Health Professions, having a rotational clinical posting at Kasturba Hospital and attending various Community camps in rural and urban regions.





A group of 16 doctorate students from the Department of Occupational Therapy, Byrdine F Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions, at Georgia State University, USA visited the department of occupational therapy, Manipal College of Health Professions (MCHP), MAHE from 8-9 March 2024. They were accompanied by Dr. Kinsuk Maitra, professor and Founding Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy, and Dr. Emily Buchman, Associate Program Director. During their visit, the faculty held seminars. During the two-day observership, the students delved into occupational therapy in the future, and its prospects in education and healthcare. The students were exposed to the different cases during their two-day observership

Oslo Metropolitan University Student Completes Internship at MCHP

Benjamin Fossen Wolfe, Occupational therapy student from the Department of Rehabilitation Science and Health Technology, at Oslo Metropolitan University (OsloMet), completed 12 weeks of clinical placement at the Department of Occupational Therapy, Manipal College of Health Professions, MAHE, Manipal, from 5 January to 22 March 2024. During his placement, he observed cases across various electives in the department along with his major placement in the Hand and Musculoskeletal Conditions.



Cultural Enrichment: Deakin Students' Educational Excursion at MAHE

Three students accompanied by Dr. Eric Drinkwater from Deakin University visited the Department of Exercise and Sports Science (ESS) at Manipal College of Health Professions (MCHP) from 22 January to 2 February 2024, as part of their study tour.

During their stay at MAHE, the students actively participated in planning two community activities. Additionally, they contributed to planning Exercise is Medicine on Campus (EIM-OC) activities, promoting fitness participation among students, held on 31 January 2024.

Furthermore, the students engaged in the Rising CHAMP (Children's Health and Athletic Mentorship Program) sessions, and also visited the Mangalore Rifle Club to understand Indian sports and the challenges faced by athletes. Dr. Eric, an experienced Strength and Conditioning coach, conducted hands-on sessions for Manipal students in lifting techniques and shared his expertise.



Representing MAHE

MAHE Students & Faculty beyond campus

Bridging Cultures: Humanities professor explores Migration and Identity

On 20 January 2024, Dr. Shafeeq was an invited speaker at the conversation event "Non-Traces of Migration: Family Photos and Intimate Archive" in which he was in conversation with an international panel, at the Gulf Photo Plus in Dubai on 20 January 2024. This event was part of a larger series of events under the "Gulf Homes" project curated by Dr. Laure Assaf of New York University Abu Dhabi.

WGSHA Students Utilize Inter-university Agreement with Hanze University



Three students from the hospitality programme at WGSHA left in February 2024 for a semester abroad at Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen in the Netherlands. These students, eager to broaden their horizons and gain international perspectives, will benefit from interdisciplinary studies at the partner institution.

They will benefit from an immersive learning experience in a different cultural context that will not only enhance their understanding of the global hospitality industry but also refine their communication and intercultural skills, preparing them for successful careers in a dynamic and international field. This is the first batch of students from WGSHA to make use of the inter-university agreement between the two organizations.







MAHE Professor Shines as Excellence Cluster Scientist

I was invited to visit the University Observatory Munich (USM), Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU, Germany) as part of the "Excellence Cluster ORIGINs visiting scientist" program from 15 October to 14 November 2023. The visit was fully funded by the German Research Foundation's (DFG) Excellence Cluster ORIGINs visiting-scientist program. The purpose of the visit was to collaborate with Professor Joseph Mohr, a prominent cosmologist at the Physics Department of LMU, on research projects, exchange research data, and explore opportunities for future joint projects and student/faculty exchange programs. I also had the opportunity to visit Julius Maximilian University of Wuerzburg (JMU), Germany, through my Ph.D. supervisor Prof. Karl Mannheim from 15-18 November 2023.

-Dr Surajit Paul, Associate Professor, Manipal Centre for Natural Sciences



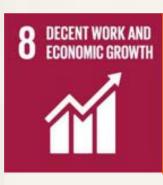
Crafting Connections: MSAP's Journey at Vietnamese Design Program

Manipal School of Architecture (MSAP), MAHE was a part of the Intercultural Dialogue through the iDiDe design program, held at Hanoi, Vietnam, organized in collaboration with Deakin University Australia, and Hanoi Architectural University from 7 January to 28 January 2024.

Architecture students from MSAP worked on intercultural dialogue and community-based design solutions focused on the theme "The Story of Hanoi's Artisan Craft Village." They engaged in lacquer workshops and developed designs that articulate the relationships between art, architecture, heritage, and cultural and social sustainability. The students' hard work culminated in an exhibition held at Hanoi University on 26 January 2024 in the esteemed presence of several bureaucrats from Australia, India, and Hanoi, where MSAP was represented by Professor. (Dr.) Nandineni Rama Devi - Director MSAP, Professor. (Dr.) Pradeep Kini - Joint Director of MSAP, and Prof. Sahana Ganesh - Academics Head of MSAP, with 14 MSAP students.











Exploring European Values and Identity: MAHE students visit Tübingen

Over the winter break, I got to be a part of the T-IES Winter School- a four weeklong academic program in the wonderful town of Tübingen, Germany. I got to interact with people from all over the world, hailing from diverse cultural backgrounds. I learned a lot, not just through the program, but also through my interactions with my peers and locals in Tübingen. I found that the course helped me relate what I had learned so far to form a more nuanced idea of different concepts.

-Sanika Kajarekar, Department of Languages, MAHE I attended the 2024 winter school at the International and European Studies department and their academic program was stellar. I got to learn about the founding principles of the university, the history of Baden-Württemberg, religion, minorities in Europe and their rights and beginner level German. The themes I studied there were closely allied to the themes I already work with every day in my bachelor's degree at Manipal in the domain of intercultural studies with a focus on Europe. It was perfect getting to see the Europe I read of, write of and breathe of, in real life!

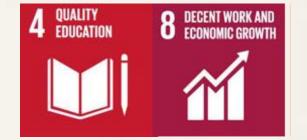
-Mahima Madan, Department of Languages, MAHE





Celebrating Excellence in Internationalization and Achievement: MAHE student at New Zealand-





I am delighted that I have been selected for the prestigious PB Governor Acharya Award for Inspirational Allrounder Personalities at MAHE Academy. Of 33,000 students across all fields, only five receive this esteemed recognition, making it a significant achievement. Participating in MAHE internationalization has been a key criterion, and my semester exchange at Umea University, Sweden, during the academic year 2022-23 has significantly contributed to meeting this requirement. Additionally, the virtual Micro internship with the University of Auckland, New Zealand, partnered with the Auckland Council held in 2023, further boosted my application. I am deeply grateful to MSAP and the Office of International Affairs & Collaboration for providing these invaluable opportunities to expand my network and enhance my skills.

-Kaushiki Brahma, Manipal School of Architecture & Planning

Worldwide MAHE

International events on campus

Towards Excellence: MAHE hosts Graduate Student Fair with Top U.S. Universities

The U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, in partnership with the Office of International Affairs & Collaborations at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), hosted a Graduate Student Fair on Wednesday, 14 February 2024 in Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT), Manipal.

The event provided an opportunity for students to learn about graduate programs at 18 renowned U.S. universities, including Bryant University, City University of Seattle, Clarkson University, The George Washington University, Kennesaw State University, Marymount University, Park University, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Saint Louis University, St. Mary's University of San Antonio, The Catholic University of America, The University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Arkansas, University of San Diego, University of Wisconsin-Stout, University at Buffalo, State University of New York (SUNY), and University of Utah, David Eccles School of Business.

The delegation was led by Ms. Carey Arun, Principal Commercial Service from the US consulate, comprising designated officials from the Chennai consulate wing, USIEF, and the US commercial services officials. The fair was a huge success, with over 600 students in attendance.









Unlocking Global Opportunities: Choose France at MAHE





Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) recently hosted the Choose France Education Tour 2024, a significant event that took place on 7 February 2024 at the Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) Library Auditorium. This collaborative effort with Campus France brought together 13 leading French universities and institutions, offering Indian students a glimpse into the extensive educational opportunities available in France.

The education fair featured 13 of France's finest universities, including ESSEC Business School, EM Lyon, Neoma Business School, EDHEC Business School, Audencia Business School, and Y Schools. Participants learnt more about educational opportunities in France for Engineering, Management, Hospitality, and Tourism. Campus France also provided talks on further education and scholarship opportunities for Indian students in France.

At the inaugration of the fair, Dr. Karunakar A. Kotegar, Director of the Office of International Affairs and Collaboration (OIAC) at MAHE highlighted the event's key achievements, The education tour featured engaging presentations by Campus France on higher education in France, including scholarship opportunities. Students had the invaluable opportunity to interact directly with representatives from some of France's finest universities and business schools. The highlight of the event was the comprehensive overview it provided of the academic programs in Engineering, Management, Hospitality, and Tourism, offering a glimpse into the vibrant student life and the innovative educational environment in France.

It serves as a gateway for students to global education and intercultural experiences, reinforcing MAHE's commitment to facilitating international educational opportunities. For more details on future events and international opportunities, interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Office of International Affairs and Collaborations, MAHE Manipal.









MAHE Manipal hosts DIES-MoI – Regional Workshop Asia

The Office of International Affairs & Collaborations, MAHE Manipal hosted the DIES Training course on Management of Internationalisation (MoI) – Regional Workshop Asia held on 11-15 March 2024. MAHE, in association with Leibniz University Hannover, Germany organised this program to enhance capacity internationalization efforts among participating Asian universities. Ten participants from the Asian universities from Vietnam, Philippines, Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia and India attended the five-day regional course module. The workshop provided a comprehensive segment focusing on understanding internationalization practices in Asian countries, administrative modules in international offices, and the implementation of joint programs, credit equivalence and other initiatives. Key sessions delved into topics such as the Internationalization of higher education in Southeast Asia and strategies and trends of internationalisation in India.









Case studies showcasing best practices from various universities including MAHE Manipal and USM Malaysia, offered valuable insights into effective approaches such as virtual exchange platforms, international student associations, and the concept of Global Village. Besides, a glimpse of the local culture and cuisine was given, allowing them to appreciate the tropical flora, architectural heritage, and the scenic beauty of the Arabian Sea.

Partnering with Leibniz University Hannover, Germany, MAHE along with two other regional partners has been offering this program for a decade now as a commitment to fostering international collaboration and knowledge exchange.

The upcoming decennial celebration of the DIES training course in September this year at Hannover presents an exciting opportunity for the partners and the alumni to reconnect and reflect on the progress made over the past ten years. The DIES training course has been an excellent platform to groom the international office personnel towards contributing for a more inclusive and globally engaged University workspace.





MIT Manipal conducts workshop on Corporate Finance

The Department of Humanities and Management, MIT, Manipal conducted a three-week Executive Development Program (EDP) on Corporate Finance for the executives of Mozambique Ports and Railways from 11-28 March 2024. These executives each had work experience ranging two decades. This program was custom-designed for Certified Financial Managers (CFM) to meet their requirements. The EDP covered various topics on Corporate Finance and focused on Financial Statement and Analysis, Capital Budgeting, and Investment Management. EDPs such as this enhance the quality of education and economic growth beyond borders.

Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal has been ranked 25th in the world in terms of Sustainable Development Goals 4 (Quality Education). This EDP along with SDG 4 also aligns with SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The participants were provided with an enriching experience and they highlighted they have benefitted from this EDP.









The participants were also given an orientation of local culture and sightseeing to nearby places apart from the regular classroom activities.

The corporate sector is synonymous with lifelong learning.

Professional development and skill-based training have become essential to the growing industry demands. The EDP serves as a platform to promote industry-academia partnerships and equip individuals with need based skill enhancement programs. The Department of Humanities & Management has several such programs in the pipeline for need-based management training, thereby acting as a catalyst for building capacity and delivering industry-driven training modules for professionals and students.











Guest Visits



Erasmus University Medical Center, Netherlands



University of Melbourne, Australia



Georgia State University, USA



University of Portsmouth, England



James Cook University, Singapore



Hogeschool Utrecht, Netherlands



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