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UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA, SRI LANKA

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## Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor and Staff from the Department of Computer Engineering

Professor M.D. Lamawansa, The Vice Chancellor of University of Peradeniya met with a group of academics from the Faculty of Engineering on 09<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to discuss strengthening international collaborations. The group comprised of Dr. Udaya Dissanayake, the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Roshan Ragel, Dr. Kamalanath Samarakoon, the Head of the Department of Computer Engineering, Director/ETIC, Prof. CNRA. Alles, Director of International Research Office, Dr. Panduka Neluwala, Coordinator,

experience gained from his recent visits to international universities. During this meeting, the Vice-Chancellor signed three MoUs to foster further collaborations between the University of Peradeniya and the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD), Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IITR), and Lovely Professional University (LPU) of India.



## Ceremonial Signing of the MoU on the Double Degree Programme between the University of Peradeniya and the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Niigata University, Japan

International Relations of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Damayanthi Herath, Coordinator, International Relations of the Department of Computer of Engineering. Dr. Samarakoon shared insights covering expanding University teaching and learning activities, incubation, and collaborations between the faculties of the University with industry, and foreign universities with regard to product development with the ex-

A ceremony to sign a new MoU on double degree programme between the University of Peradeniya and the Graduate School of Science and Technology of Niigata University, Japan was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 at the Vice-Chancellor's office, University of Peradeniya. The double degree programme aims at fostering the



of the MoU. The coordinator from Niigata University Prof. Satish Kumar briefed on the background and the content of the MoU. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa highlighted the significance of the new MoU and the history of the existing university-level MOUs with Niigata University which have immensely benefitted the two universities since 2010. The Vice-Chancellor and the Acting Registrar, Ms. Jayantha Dharmasiri were the signatories for the MoU from the University of Peradeniya while Prof. Ogura Kazuo, Dean of the Graduate School of Science was the signatory from the Niigata University. Prof. Neil Alles, the Director, International

exchange of students between the two universities on mutually agreed fields of studies in science. It will certainly enable the exchange of students to access more valuable educational opportunities, field and research training jointly supervised up to a maximum duration of one year.

The coordinator of this programme from the University of Peradeniya, Prof. Sanjeewa Malaviaarachchi welcomed the participants and introduced the objectives



Relations Office (InRO) delivered the vote of thanks and concluded the event. The Dean (actg.) of the Faculty of Science, Dr. Buddhika Dassanayake, the Head of the Department of Geology, Dr. Udeni Amarasinghe, the present and immediate past representatives to the InRO from the Faculty of Science, Dr. Dimanthi Uduwela and Prof. Amalaka Pinidiyaarachchi, respectively, were also present at the ceremony.



MEXT Fiscal Year 2022 to 2026  
**INTER-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROJECT**  
 (Indo-Pacific region)  
**Human Resource Development Program on Field Science Research in the Indo-Pacific Region**  
 M. Satish-Kumar, Vice President (Research)  
 Niigata University, Japan

Coordinated at Niigata University by  
 # Faculty of Science  
 # Graduate School of Science and Technology  
 # Research Institute for Natural Hazards and Disaster Recovery  
 # Sado Island Center for Ecological Sustainability



## Japan's Modernization Studies - Public Health and Health Systems in Japan a Historical Review

The Short Course was conducted on 13th January 2023. DVD lecture on “Public Health and Health Systems in Japan a Historical Review” broadcasted and Prof. Atsuko Aoyama, Professor Emeritus, Nagoya University, Japan was the key presenter of the session. Prof. Jay Rajasekera, Professor, Tokyo International University, Japan participated as a resource person for the session and Prof. Susiji Wickramasinghe, Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya participated as Session Chair and Dr. Suranji Wijekoon, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Sciences, University of Peradeniya had coordinated the session.

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**JAPAN'S MODERNIZATION STUDIES**  
Chapter 15  
Public Health and Health Systems in Japan a Historical Review  
**Jan 13, 2023**  
10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.  
Auditorium, Post Graduate Institute of Science  
University of Peradeniya  
[bit.ly/JICAChair-4](https://bit.ly/JICAChair-4)  
Meeting ID: 687 5875 3206  
Passcode: JICA@13

JICA Chair Programme

Speaker	Resource Person	Coordinator	Session Chair
 <b>Prof. Atsuko Aoyama</b> Professor Emeritus Nagoya University Specially Appointed Professor Nagoya University of Arts and Science	 <b>Prof. Jay Rajasekera</b> Tokyo International University	 <b>Dr. Suranji Wijekoon</b> Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science University of Peradeniya	 <b>Prof. Susiji Wickramasinghe</b> Department of Parasitology Faculty of Medicine University of Peradeniya

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The event was organized by Sri Lanka Japan Study Center of the University of Peradeniya (SLJSC) in collaboration with the International Relations Office (InRO) of the University of Peradeniya, Association of Sri Lanka Academics in Japan (SLAc), and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

## Meeting with the delegates of Russian House in Colombo

A meeting with the delegates of the Russian House in Colombo was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to discuss regarding holding a Russian Day at UoP and initiating a Russian language course for undergraduate students at the University of Peradeniya. Madam. M. Popova, Head of the Russian House, and Ms. Venurika Jayasinghe participated in the meeting from the Russian House, while Dr. Prabhath Ekanayake - Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dr. Ruwantha Kulathunga - HoD of the Department of Classical Languages, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles - Director of the International Relations Office, and Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon - Project Manager of the International Relations Office participated in the meeting.

## Japan's Modernization Studies - The Road to a Nation of Science and Technology

The Short Course was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023. DVD lecture on "The Road to a Nation of Science and Technology" broadcasted and Prof. Mariko Hasegawa, President, Graduate University for Advanced Studies SOKENDAI was the key presenter of the session. Prof. Monte Cassim, President, Akita International University, Japan participated as a resource person for the session and Prof. Roshan Dharshana Yapa, Department of Statistics and Computer Science, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya participated as Session Chair and Dr. Achala Pallegedara, Department of Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya had coordinated the session.

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## Meeting to discuss on "Establishment of Center of Asian Civilization and Culture, University of Peradeniya with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan".

A meeting was conducted to discuss on "Establishment of Center of Asian Civilization and Culture, University of Peradeniya with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan" was conducted on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Prof. C. N. R. A. Alles - Director of InRO, Prof. A. Sarjoon, Dr. M Nafeel M Zawahir, Prof. Suresh de Mel - Director of the PGIHS, and InRO Staff members participated in the meeting.

## Meeting to discuss on possible offering a course on Modern Israel at the University of Peradeniya

An online meeting was conducted with Prof. Menachem Hofnung, (Emeritus), Herbert Samuel Chair of Political Science, Department of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to explore the possibility of offering a course on Modern Israel at the University of Peradeniya. Prof. C. N. R. A. Alles – Director of the International Relations Office, Dr. S. Baskaran from the Department of Political Science, Dr. Sumudu Walakuluge from the Department of Political Science and InRO Staff participated in the meeting.



During the meeting it was decided to check with HEC/Pakistan regarding any progress on the proposal + letter from PGIHS submitted in March 2020, to find out at what level (HEC+UGC OR Pakistan Unis + Peradeniya OR HEC + Peradeniya) and what mechanism (arrangement between two governments at diplomatic level OR arrangement at the educational institutional level) needs to be adopted to establish the proposed Centre, to Re-examine the submitted proposal and see whether any modifications/improvements can be done, and to circulate the previously submitted proposal to this committee.



## JICA Chair Programme Closing Ceremony 2022

The Closing Ceremony of Japan's Modernization Studies, JICA Chair Program 2022 was successfully held on February 8, 2023, at Oak Ray Regency to mark the successful completion of the course by over 500 students from all districts of the country. The ceremony was organized by Sri Lanka – Japan Study Centre (SLJSC) in collaboration with the International Relations Office (InRO), CIVCO of the University of Peradeniya, and the Sri Lanka Academics Association in Japan. As the Chief Guest, Prof. MD. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, attended the event. Prof. WMT. Madhujith, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Ms. Ide Yuri, Senior Representative, JICA Sri Lanka, Prof. CNRA. Alles, the Director, of InRO, University of Peradeniya, Dr. Panduka Neluwala, the Director of SLJSC, and other invited dignitaries were also present.

Following the keynote address by Dr. Ogata Kazuo's entitled Agriculture Development in Japan: A Very Brief History of 150 Years a panel discussion was held. Prof. Kamala Liyanage, Professor Emeritus, University of Peradeniya, and Dr. Ogata Kazuo, University of Jaffna, served as panelists and the session was moderated by Prof. Buddhi Marambe.



## Meeting to discuss about the ENACT Project

A meeting was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Toolkit facility with the participation of Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles – Director of the International Relations Office, Prof. Shameen Jinadasa, Prof. Anoma Abhayarathne, Ms. Sanjeevani Ranasinghe, Dr. Panduka Neluwala and Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon, Project manager of the InRO and Mr. Sandaka Ediriweera, Programmer of the InRO participated in the meeting.



The purpose of the meeting is to discuss about the ENACT Project and combine its activities related to the component of “Internationalization of the University” with the activities of InRO to ensure the sustainability of the project outcomes.

## Online meeting with Vice Chancellor and Madam Maria Popova

An online meeting was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 with the participation of Prof. M.D. Lamawansa – Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles – Director of the International Relations Office, Madam M. Popova – First Secretary, Embassy of the Russian Federation in Sri Lanka and the Head of the Russian House in Colombo, Ms. Venurika Jayasinghe, Mr. Ramona and Ms. Shyamali



Tennakoon, Project Manager of the International Relations Office.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss conducting The Russian Day at the university premises and starting the Russian Language Course at the University of Peradeniya. It was decided to conduct the Russian day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March which include an opening of a Russian Corner at the University main library, a Russian food stall, and holding a Russian poetry and movie evening on the same day.



## Meeting with the HEC Pakistan to discuss on Education Fair at the University of Peradeniya

An online meeting was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 with the delegates of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan to discuss on conducting an education fair at the University premises in parallel to the EDEX Exhibition. It was decided to conduct the education fair in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, the International Relations Office, and the Postgraduate Institute of Science at the PGIS Building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2023.

Ms. Saima Naurin, Mr. Jehanzeb Khan – Project Director, Mr. Waqar Khan – Project Manager, Ms. Sanam S., Ms. Madiha Anwer, Ms. Sobia Khurram, Ms. Shabana Gul, and Dr. Syed Amir Iqbal participated in the meeting from the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles – Director of the International Relations Office, Prof. Pitawala - Director of PGIS, Prof. A. Sarjoon, Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon – Project Manager of the International Relations Office and, Mr. Sandaka Ediriweera – Programmer of the International Relations Office participated in the meeting from the University of Peradeniya.





## Meeting with International Interaction Club (InIC)

A meeting with the International Interaction Club (InIC) was conducted on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2023 at the InRO with the participation of Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles – Director of the InRO, Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon – Project Manager of the InRO, Mr. Sandaka Ediriweera, Programmer of the InRO and the committee members of the InIC.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the new committee members of InIC appointed for the year 2023 and to present the last year's progress and the activity plan for the year 2023. Furthermore, collaboration with the events organized by the InRO which are related to InIC was also highlighted in the meeting.





**The Meeting with Prof. Melnik Viktor Alexandrovich, Vice-Rector for Academic Work, Gomel State Medical University, Belarus**

Prof. Melnik Viktor Alexandrovich, Vice-Rector for academic work, Gomel State Medical University, Belarus visited the University of Peradeniya on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. Prof. Melnik Viktor Alexandrovich was accompanied by Dr. Lasantha Amarakoon, Chairman of the REC Campus. Prof. Melnik Viktor Alexandrovich was welcomed by Prof. MD. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya. Prof. CNRA. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, and Prof. Vasanthi Pinto, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine participated in the meeting.

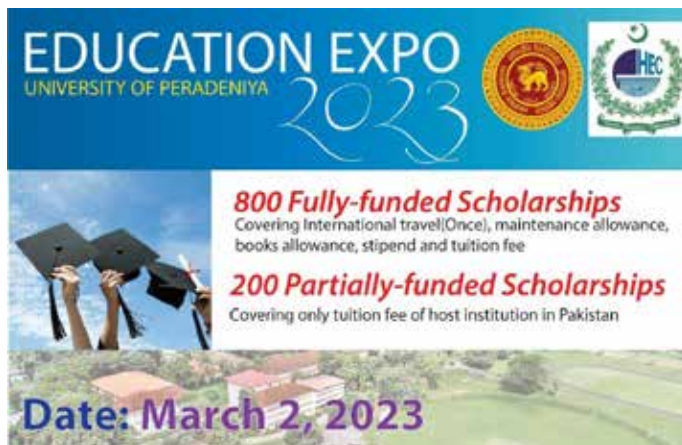
After giving a brief introduction to the Gomel State Medical University, Belarus by Prof. Melnik Viktor Alexandrovich, possible academic collaborations including student and staff exchanges between the two universities and the possibility of clinical training at the Gomel State Medical University were discussed

during the meeting. Possible disciplines for academic collaborations including Psychiatric and clinical training were highlighted in the short discussion. Dean, Faculty of Medicine expressed her interest in starting elective courses at the University of Peradeniya which the students from Gomel State Medical University could visit and study during the summer vacation periods. An MoU between the two universities was signed during the meeting to strengthen future academic collaborations. A short visit to the Faculty of Medicine was conducted followed by the meeting.



## Education Expo 2023 – University of Peradeniya In Collaboration with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan

The International Relations Office (InRO), University of Peradeniya organized an Education Exhibition on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March at the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS) in parallel to the EDEX Expo which was conducted from 24-27 February 2023 in Colombo and March 4-5 in Kandy. The Education Exhibition was conducted in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and the Postgraduate Institute of Science with the purpose of sharing the opportunities for postgraduate studies in Pakistan and the scholarship opportunities offered by the Pakistan Higher Education Commission.



**EDUCATION EXPO**  
UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA  
**2023**

**800 Fully-funded Scholarships**  
Covering International travel (Once), maintenance allowance, books allowance, stipend and tuition fee

**200 Partially-funded Scholarships**  
Covering only tuition fee of host institution in Pakistan

**Date: March 2, 2023**



Mr. Jehanzeb Khan, Project Director, Pak-Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Programme of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan participated in the event. Mr. Jehanzeb Khan was accompanied by Mr. Afzal Marikar, Honorary Consul of Pakistan, Pakistan High Commission in Colombo, Miss. Kalsoom Qaiser – Press Attaché of the Pakistan High

Commission in Colombo, Mr. Muhammad Waqar Khan – Project Manager of Pak-Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Programme, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Dr. Zain ul Abidin – Advisor (Foreign Students Affairs) of the University of Agriculture (UAF), Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Syed Amir Iqbal – Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering, NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi, Dr. Tayyaba Amir – Director Admissions of the DOW University of Health Sciences, Karachi, Ms. Sanam Soomro – Director Quality Enhancement Cell of the DOW University of Health Sciences, Karachi, and Dr. Shabana Gul – Assistant Professor of Hospitality & Tourism Management, Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences), Peshawar.



The delegates were welcomed by Prof. HMTGA. Pitawala, Director of the PGIS. Prof. MD. Lamawansa, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. Sarath S. Kodithuwakku, Deans of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. PG. Anil Pushpakumara, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, Prof. CNRA. Alles, Director, InRO, the management committee members of the InRO, Academic staff members of the University of Peradeniya and students participated in the event.



## Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad (IITP) Visit to the University of Peradeniya

The University of Peradeniya (UoP) had a productive meeting with a delegation from the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad (IITP) on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to discuss potential collaborations between their respective departments. The IITP delegation included Dr. Chakradhar, Ms. Kavitha G R, and Ms. Nibedita Dey, while the UoP representatives included Dr. Damayanthi Herath, Dr. Pramila Gamage, Dr. Chanaka Senanayake, Mr. Mahanama Dharmawardhana, and Dr. Panduka Neluwala.



The discussion was mainly focused on exploring possible areas of collaboration between the two universities, and an MoU is now in the approval process. This MoU will outline the terms of the potential collaboration and will pave the way for future joint initiatives and projects.

The UoP is excited about the potential opportunities for collaboration with IITP and looks forward to working together to achieve their shared goals of advancing knowledge and innovation in their respective fields.

In the visit the group of participants had visited the International Relations Office and had a friendly dis-



cussion with Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office and the staff members of the InRO.

## Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and University of Peradeniya - Research Collaborations



A meeting regarding the arrangements of the Queensland University of Technology delegates visit to University of Peradeniya on 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, was held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the International Relations Office.

The agenda of the visit and the participation from the

University of Peradeniya has been organized in the discussion.

Prof. Shameen Jinadasa from the Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Amalka Pinidiyaarachchi from the Faculty of Science, Dr. Dimanthi Uduwela Pinidiyaarachchi from the Faculty of Science, Mr. K.A.B. Damunupola from the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, and the staff members of the InRO participated in the meeting.

### **The Meeting with the Delegation from Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University Malaysia Kelantan**

Dr. Mohd Farhan Hanif Reduan, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) visited the University of Peradeniya on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2023. Dr. Reduan was accompanied by Dr. Intan Noor Aina Kamaruzaman, Coordinator of Student Mobility & Internationalisation and Dr. Thilini Gamage, Lecturer at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, UMK. Dr. Thilini Gamage is a recent graduate of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science (FVMAS), University of Peradeniya.



Dr. Reduan and the delegation were welcomed by Prof. MD. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya. Prof. CNRA. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, and Prof. Anil Pushpakumara, Dean of the FVMAS attended by Dr. Rasika Jinadasa, Coordinator of the Postgraduate Education Unit of FVMAS and Dr. MNM. Fouzi, Chairperson of the Higher Degrees Committee of FVMAS.

Following a brief introduction to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, UMK by Dr. Reduan, possible academic collaborations including student and staff exchanges, and joint research projects between the two universities were discussed. It was agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Peradeniya and Universiti Malaysia Kelantan. The delegation then met the staff of FVMAS and discussed potential collaborations in detail. Dr. Reduan who is a member of the Malaysian Veterinary Council (MVC) mentioned that the BVSc degree offered by the University of Ceylon is still recognized by the MVC and invited to make a formal request to extend the recognition to the BVSc degree offered by University of Peradeniya. The Dean, FVMAS agreed to attend it immediately. The delegation visited facilities at FVMAS including the teaching and research laboratories, Teaching Farm, and Teaching Hospitals.



### **Meeting with Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (SHUPL), China**

An online meeting between the International Relations Office and the Shanghai University of Political and Law was held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Introduction to University of Peradeniya has presented by Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles and the participants from the Shanghai University have presented the work do-

## “Francophonie – 2023” at University of Peradeniya

The Embassy of Switzerland to Sri Lanka and the Maldives together with the International Organization of la francophonie celebrated Francophonie 2023, featuring “Les Monsieur Monsieur”, the famed duo Laurent BRUNETTI and Mario PACCHIOLI from Switzerland. The Inaugural performance was held at the ‘Garden Nuga’ Sri Lanka Foundation Institute (SLFI), on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 07.00 p.m. onwards, followed by a performance in Jaffna at the Kailasapathy Auditorium, University of Jaffna on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 07.00 p.m. and finally in Kandy on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 06.00 p.m. at the Engineering Faculty Auditorium (E. O. E. Pereira theatre), University of Peradeniya.



ing by the Shanghai University and courses related opportunities that the students and staff could participate.

Prof. Zhang, the deputy head of the Department of International Communication and Exchange, Ms. Wang, the director of the Administrative of International Program and Exchange, Ms. Fan, the coordinator of Business Trip, has participated in the meeting representing Shanghai University.

Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office and the staff members of the InRO participated in the meeting.



Musicians have performed a piano masterclass for the students in the morning on 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 at E.O.E Pereira Theatre at University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with the Department of Fine Arts and at the same day evening “Francophonie” Concert was held in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering. To light up this event, Fine Arts students from Peradeniya University performed a Traditional Sri Lankan Songs.

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Delegates from the Swiss Embassy, His Excellency Raoul Imbach, Deputy Head of the Mission/Head of Chancery and the representatives from the embassy have participated in the event.







# Exchange Programmes

## University of Miyazaki Student Exchange Program - Fall 2023



**Nomination Deadline: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Application Deadline: Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Exchange Period: From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, for 6 months (1 semester) or 1 academic year (2 semesters)

Students of Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture and Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture can apply.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact InRO.**

## Call for Nomination: NSYSU Student Exchange - Fall 2023



**Nomination deadline: April 20, 2023**

NSYSU now accepting nominations for the Fall semester of 2023 (Sept. 2023 - Jan. 2024) and AY23/24 (Sept. 2023 - Jun. 2024).

The online application will open from March 15 to April 30, 2023. Your students will apply for the on-campus housing and free Chinese language course (3 credits, 4hrs per week) at the same time. Late applications will not be accepted.

Useful Information:

- Latest Fact Sheet <https://oia.nsysu.edu.tw/p/412-1308-20581.php?Lang=en>
- Latest English-taught Course Lists <https://oia.nsysu.edu.tw/p/412-1308-20770.php?Lang=en>
- The academic calendar for AY23/24 will be ready by June

**Please do not hesitate to contact us at [oia@mail.nsysu.edu.tw](mailto:oia@mail.nsysu.edu.tw) if you have any questions or concerns.**

## Call for Nomination and Application for Student Exchange Program at SIIT, Thammasat University, Thailand



**Nomination and Application Deadline: May 15, 2023**

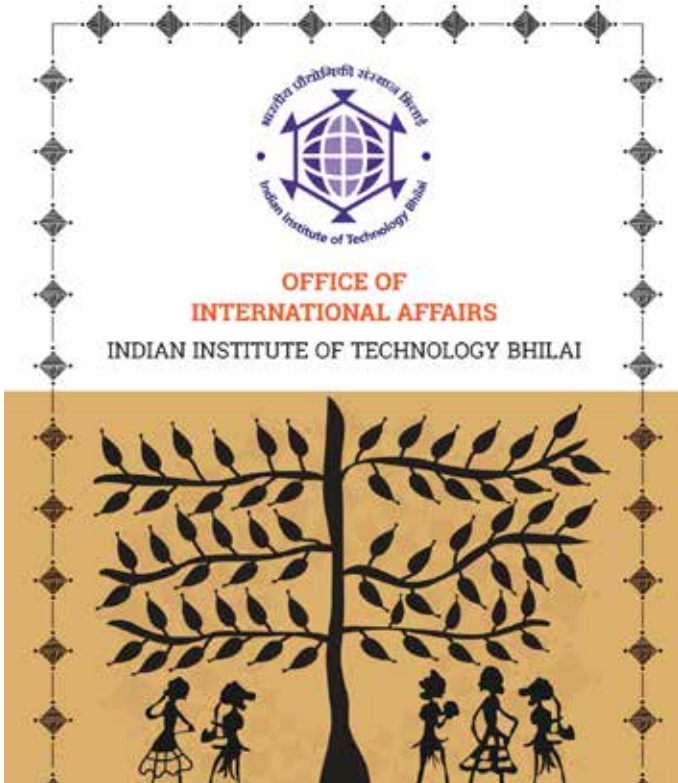
SIIT is now calling for an official nomination and application for the Student Exchange Program for the 1st semester of Academic Year 2023 (August 2023 - December 2023).

- All exchange coordinators from SIIT partner universities and students who are interested in joining the exchange program at SIIT are invited.
- Application consideration process: May 15-31, 2023
- Acceptance Letter: June 1-7, 2023

**Students of Faculty of Science, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Management can be applied and If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact InRO.**

# Other Opportunities

## Invitation to Apply for Admission to IIT Bhilai - International Students



IIT Bhilai is now accepting applications for our post-graduation program, i.e., MSc (Master of Science), MTech (Master of Technology), PhD (Doctor of Philosophy), for the upcoming academic year. We warmly invite you to become a part of the vibrant and diverse community of students and faculty at IIT Bhilai.

As a premier technical institute in India, IIT Bhilai is dedicated to providing a world-class education to all of our students. Our faculty members are highly qualified and experienced, and our facilities are state-of-the-art. Our students are exposed to cutting-edge research and technology, and they have the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning experiences that prepare them for success in their chosen careers.

Students can take admission through various scholarship/fellowship schemes and benefits provided by:

- Study In India (SII) [https://www.iitbhilai.ac.in/index.php?pid=study\\_in\\_india](https://www.iitbhilai.ac.in/index.php?pid=study_in_india)
- Doctoral fellowship in India for ASEAN (DIA) [https://www.iitbhilai.ac.in/index.php?pid=asean\\_fellowships](https://www.iitbhilai.ac.in/index.php?pid=asean_fellowships)
- Indian Cultural Council Relations (ICCR) scholarship. <https://www.iitbhilai.ac.in/index.php?pid=iccr>
- Direct Entry (Meritous student will get tuition fee benefit). [https://www.iitbhilai.ac.in/index.php?pid=adm\\_foreign](https://www.iitbhilai.ac.in/index.php?pid=adm_foreign)

We understand that the admission process for international students can be complicated, but we are here to help. Our international affairs team will provide you with the support and guidance you need to complete your application and enroll in our programs.

We encourage you to apply early, as spaces in our programs are limited.

For more information, click [here](#).

If you have any questions about the admission process, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### ABOUT IIT BHILAI

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhilai was established in the year 2016, in the state of Chhattisgarh by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development (currently known as Ministry of Education (MoE)).

IIT Bhilai offers Bachelor of Technology (BTech), Master of Technology (MTech), Master of Science (MSc) and Doctoral programs (PhD) in various departments.

Admissions at IIT Bhilai is offered through

- ASEAN
- Study in India
- ICCR
- Direct entry



### COURSES OFFERED

- ◆ Post Graduate Programs
- ◆ PhD & MTech
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Mechatronics
  - Computer Science and Engineering
  - Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
  - Electric Vehicle Technology
  - Electrical Engineering
- ◆ PhD & MSc
  - Physics
  - Chemistry
- ◆ PhD
  - Liberal Arts
  - Mathematics
- ◆ MSc
  - Mathematics and computing

### TUITION FEE BENEFIT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- ◆ Study MTech/MSc @ Rs. 5000 per Semester.
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