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Karaikudi

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Address by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof.S.Subbiah
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Vice-Chancellor's visit to China and Singapore

Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has entered into a general MOU with Tangshan Polytechnic College (TPC), China, in the last week of December 2017 to promote research and also for Faculty / student exchange programme. A high level team led by the Professor Tian Xiuping, President of TPC, Officials from Education Department of the Provincial Government and others visited Alagappa University during August 2017 and identified specific areas of research for cooperation. In continuation of this, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University visited Tangshan Polytechnic College, Caofeidian Industries Centre and had a meeting with the officials of the Department of Higher Education during 23-26th December 2017.

The authorities of Tangshan Polytechnic College organized a Special Meeting on 25th December 2017 with the Vice-Chancellor, wherein Professor Tian Xiuping, President of the Institution along with her officials requested Alagappa University to help in establishing a research laboratory in their campus. This research lab can be used by the staff and students of Tangshan Polytechnic College and Alagappa University for research purposes. They consented to depute their staff and experts to Alagappa University to train the staff and students of Alagappa University in the areas such as ceramics, porcelain, painting, education, tourism management, and sensors as well as to give practical exposure to the staff and students. They informed that initially 5 teachers from Tangshan Polytechnic College will join Ph.D. programme in Alagappa University with the full-financial support from their Institute. They also agreed to send their students for short term certificate and diploma courses offered by Alagappa University in the areas such as English language, computer science and other potential areas.

The Singapore Government has approved and recognized the Alagappa Alumni Association (AAA), whose office bearers working in Nanyang Technological University, Ministry of Education, Singapore met Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah. Further, they kindly consented to be Visiting Professors to our University to share their experience and expertise. It is to be noted that Nanyong Technological

University, Singapore, is a globally ranked university and a good number of alumni of Alagappa University are working at this premier institution of research.

The visit of Vice-Chancellor to China and Singapore has been successful and will be very much useful for Alagappa University in bringing more foreign faculty members and foreign students towards internationalization of the Alagappa University, which is very much indispensable to get berth in the Institute of Eminence (IOE) status under MHRD and to become one among the globally ranked institutions in the near future.

University has executed MoUs with the following Foreign Universities and Institutes in the last five months:

The University has entered into agreement (MoU) with the following 4 institutions in addition to the existing 32 MoUs.

1. Konkuk University, South Korea.
2. Tamil Arts and Culture Association Incorporated, Australia.
3. National Synchrotron Radiation Research Centre (NSRRC), Taiwan.
4. Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China.

Cash Award for Para Sports Centre Student

Mr. A. Selvaraj, a student of Alagappa University Para Sports Centre, received a cash prize of Rs.5 lakhs from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 2.1.2018 for winning the prestigious gold medal in Javelin Throw with a performance of 26.54 metres at the 7th World Dwarf Games held from 04-08-2017 to 12-08-2017 at Gulpeh, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. M. Sundar, Principal, Alagappa University College of Physical Education, and the Director of the Alagappa University Para Sports Centre, who accompanied the Indian Team as the chief coach for the 7th World Dwarf Games also received a cash prize of Rs.75,000/- from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Participation in South-West Asian Games by Para Sports Centre Students

Four students of Alagappa University Para Sports Centre Mr. A. Selvaraj, Mr. Balasubramanian, Mr. Sivaraj and Mr. Sivakavi will be participating in the South - West Asian Games to be held at Sri Lanka from 26th January to 2nd February 2018.

Training on Mushroom Cultivation

Under the auspices of the Department of Botany, University Business Collaboration Centre, Alagappa University, a Four-Day National Workshop-cum-Short Term Training Programme on "Cultivation of Mushroom and Business Commercialization" will be conducted from 8.1.2018 to 11.1.2018 at the Science Campus.

Dr. A. Arumugam, Head i/c., Department of Botany, Alagappa University and the workshop coordinator and Dr. A.S. Krishnamoorthy, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University will offer training to the participants.

The trainers will impart the preparation of mother seed, mushroom bed, cultivation and harvesting. Mushroom production ranges between 25 tons to 100 tons per day. Mushroom being a very nutritious food, its requirement is increasing day-by-day. This hands-on training would be useful to enhance production thereby help the participants to increase their income. It aims at helping the farmers to learn the entire process of mushroom cultivation.

Farmers, Housewives, Members of Self Help Groups, Members of NGOs and unemployed graduates can participate in this Training Programme by paying a fee of Rs.250/-. Mid-day Meal, Training Equipment and Certificate will be provided to the participants. Interested candidates may register their names to the Workshop Coordinator through the telephone numbers 04565-228096 / 9445162911.

Proposal to start a Tourism Complex at Thondi

Alagappa University has proposed to start a Tourism Complex at Thondi Campus in a sprawling area of 12 acres. Due permission will be obtained from the Tourism Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, in this regard. The available resources in Alagappa University, Thondi Campus viz. the beautiful beach, museum established by the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Area Studies, boating and scuba diving facilities would be utilized to attract the tourists. It is also proposed to establish a children's park, playgrounds, garden and lighting arrangements to attract more tourists. The University has planned to introduce Certificate and Diploma Courses in Tourism shortly.

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