

**All China Youth Federation visit
17th September 2014**

On 17th September, 2014, IMT Ghaziabad hosted a delegation from the “Land of the Dragon”, China, at our campus as a part of their India tour. As part of the endeavour to create one to one interactions between the youth from the two countries, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skill Development, Government of India, helped us in organizing this event where a delegation of 100 members from China visited and interacted with the students from IMT Ghaziabad.

This tour came at an opportune time when the President of China, His Excellency Xi Jinping was visiting India, from 17-19th September 2014, as part of trade and confidence building talks.

The delegation had people from diverse backgrounds including entrepreneurs, students, faculty members, Government officials and students.

The delegation was received by our Associate Dean, International Relations (IRC), Dr. Jayanthi Ranjan. She welcomed the delegates, led by Dr. Chagkui Zhou, Vice President, All China Youth Federation, with an inaugural speech followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp. They were introduced to the various aspects and features about our college and the education system in India.

Dr. Bibek Banerjee, Director, IMT Ghaziabad, welcomed them and highlighted on the personal aspects of Indo-China relationships and how that can be strengthened for the benefits of both the countries. He gave personal examples and highlighted the importance of mutual cooperation between the two countries. Dr. N L Ahuja, Dean, IMT Ghaziabad, then addressed the gathering stressing on the importance of cultural bonding and how the two countries could learn from each other strengths like manufacturing and IT and Services respectively. The gathering was then addressed by Dr. Changkui Zhou, who gave us a different perspective on the benefits and strengths of Indo-China relationship. He too stressed on mutual cooperation and removal of mistrust as the 21st Century is most likely to be dominated by these two Asian giants.

The gathering was then open for a networking session where IMT Faculty, students and delegates interacted with each other. There were questions from Chinese delegates on the various policies, placement opportunities at IMT which were answered by our very own Mr. Vishal Goel, Head – Corporate Relations. The students from IMT Ghaziabad answered various questions and helped in creating a positive environment all around. A memento of appreciation was handed to the Chinese delegation by our Director, Dr. Bibek Banerjee.

The informal talks continued even on the High Tea where one to one interactions took place between both the sides. In accordance to Chinese traditions, gifts were exchanged between the delegates and the students here. The informal interaction and conversation directly with the youth was welcomed by the guests.

The delegation from China was overjoyed with the warmth, hospitality and inquisitiveness of the students at IMT Ghaziabad. The event was a grand success and engaging for both sides. We look forward to more such events and opportunities where people can meet and interact, so that more and more exchange of ideas can take place.

