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**CENTRE FOR GLOBAL
BUSINESS STUDIES**

**NATIONAL DAYS CELEBRATION OF
MYANMAR, TURKMENISTAN, CAMBODIA, ANGOLA**

15th November 2014 at GTU Chandkheda



MYANMAR



TURKMENISTAN



CAMBODIA



ANGOLA

On 15th November 2014, GTU celebrated the National Days of MYANMAR, TURKMENISTAN, CAMBODIA and ANGOLA. Centre for Global Business Studies (CGBS) is one of the PG research centres of GTU which promote the research work in field of business management and facilitates the foreign study programs. GTU has an extensive program of International studies. Under this program, Global Country Study Reports (GCSR) was introduced in 2011.

Under the GCSR Program, a class of 60 students is required to study one country. Thus at GTU our MBA students are studying 112 countries in this academic year. GTU organizes regularly during both the semesters – from August to November and from February to May – the Celebration of National/Independence Days of these countries. We have celebrated National days of **31 countries** so far.

On 15th November 2014, the dignitaries on the dais were Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, the Honorable Vice Chancellor; **Mr. J. F. Ganga, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Angola** and the First Secretary- Mr. José Evaristo; Mr. Jagat Shah- Foreign representative of Government of Manitoba, Canada in India; Mr. J.C.Lilani- Registrar, GTU; Mr. Rajan Purohit, Head- International

Operations, Ganpat University; Mr. Shivendra Gupta- Independent Education Management Professional and Mr. Sunil Modi – Board of Advisor , GCSR.

The celebrations began with lamp lighting by all the guests followed by speech of various speakers. As a part of the National Day Celebration, all the participants and guests recited the national anthems of India, Myanmar, Turkmenistan, Cambodia and Angola.



Dr. Sarika Srivastava, Assistant Professor- GTU was the Master of Ceremony for the event and she introduced all the speakers to the audience. Centre for Global Business Studies welcomed the esteemed guests by presenting to them bouquets of flowers.



To celebrate the national days of Myanmar, Turkmenistan, Cambodia and Angola, the Faculty Members and students of **SAL Institute of Management, Ahmedabad** who are studying – **ANGOLA**, **Golden Jubilee Institute of Management & Technology** who are studying **MYANMAR**, **Shri Sahajanand Institute of Management** who are studying – **TURKMENISTAN**, and **N R Institute of Management**, who are studying **CAMBODIA** participated in the event at GTU.

Mr. J. C. Lilani I/c Registrar of GTU welcomed **Mr. J F Ganga, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Republic of Angola**, other guests on the dais, faculty members of all four institutes and students of participating MBA colleges. He added that GTU is relatively new university and in short span of 4-5 years it had grown a lot. He informed that this year 112 countries are being studied by MBA students under GCSR.



Dr. Akshai Aggarwal said that GCSR program can be as good as you make it. He expressed his wish that GTU wants that every college, which is studying any particular country, should establish close relations with the educational institutes of that country, with the help of GTU. But they have to take the initiative. The students and faculties who are studying any country, must have the latest information about the country. This is the job that each student and faculty has to do. This is what is expected by the nation and the government from the university. Dr. Aggarwal added that each one of us has to do our job very well to serve the country in a true manner. He advised students to achieve excellence in the field of their expertise.



Mr. J. F. Ganga, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Angola informed students and faculties that Republic of Angola is celebrating 39th anniversary of its independence. He shared with the audience some of the challenges and achievements made by Angola in the recent past especially in the economic sector. Angola is an attractive market and it is strategically located in the West Africa. It is linked between central, south and east Africa through roads and railways. It has

all natural resources. He added that presently Angolan government is fully engaged in financing to build schools, hospitals, roads, dams, etc. He also informed that government is trying to create good investment friendly environment for private players. He added that Angolan government has succeeded to reduce the percentage of below poverty line from 92 to 45 in last fourteen years. At last he shared that the Angolan government is very keen to have partnership with private investors in agriculture, industry, energy, and service sector.

Mr. Jagat Shah- Foreign representative of Government of Manitoba, Canada in India shared that when our Prime Minister went to US, during his visit to Harvard Business School, he mentioned the good work done by GTU for innovation. He also shared that GTU is the only university which is having such a Global Country Study program and it has the largest international program in Gujarat. He shared that now Non-Residential Indian are looking for investment in India and there is a wide scope of placement for the students who are studying this unique course. He informed faculty members that he/she should be a **“Sage on the Stage & Guide on the Side”**. He emphasised that all students must have **“action at the speed of thought”** attitude. He also shared the difference between western education system and Indian education system. Our system teaches us to pass whereas it is ok to fail in western education system. He also said that **“it is ok to fail but never repeat the failure and fail early”**. He motivated students by saying that build a carrier in International trade because India has a great potential for development.



Mr. Rajan Purohit, Head- International Operations, Ganpat University highlighted few peculiarities of Cambodia. It's a smaller place than Gujarat but very well influenced by Indian religion. The living standard and thought process of Cambodian people is influenced by French colonies. He shared that country is pretty much young and Cambodian people do not have any preference for education. The education system of Cambodia is very strange that a student can undertake three degree program at one time. He highlighted some of the industries which can be having good potential in Cambodia such as IT and ITES, Rubber manufacturing company, Food & Agriculture industry, Apparel Industry, Leather industry and service sector.

Mr. Shivendra Gupta- Independent Education Management Professional motivated students by saying that **“Respect for the opinion of other is the clearest sign of the truly educated man, those who can walk are equally entitled for the paths and roads.”** He added that everybody is watching India with hope and you are the hope for the future of India. He quoted Sardar Patel that **“we are critical of other people's efforts but lack the will to contribute our own.”** He said



that when money increases generally we increase the standard of living but actually the requirement is to increase standard of giving.



Mr. Sunil Modi, Board of Advisor- GCSR presented technical information on all four countries. He discussed about the major Industries of the countries of study and the opportunity for Indian Industries to expand their businesses. He discussed the importance and ways of investment in Gujarat and suggested students to create new global markets for small and medium scale companies.

Dr. Kaushal Bhatt, Assistant Professor- GTU proposed the vote of thanks to the speakers on behalf of GTU for gracing the National day celebration and sharing their experiences with the participants and faculty members of all four institutes.



In the Technical session, the students from all four institutes presented the information regarding the political, economic, social, and cultural environment of the respective countries of study.



Technical Presentation Session during National Day Celebration

At the end of the celebration, Centre for Global Business Studies- Gujarat Technological University presented appreciation awards to all four institutes for their active participation in the National day celebration of Myanmar, Turkmenistan, Cambodia and Angola. All the participants were delighted to attend the unique GCSR activity organized by the Centre for Global Business Studies (CGBS), Gujarat Technological University.



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