

President Hocheng Heads Taiwan Delegation to India

In September NTHU's Taiwan Education Center (TEC) in India held the 2014 Taiwan Higher Education Exposition in Bengaluru (formerly known as Bangalore), widely famed as "the Silicon Valley of India." Held in conjunction with the EMMA Expo India sponsored by the Taiwan External Trade Development Council, the exciting event attracted more than 6,500 visitors.

This was the third such exposition held by TEC in India since NTHU was commissioned by Ministry of Education in 2011 to establish the center. With additional support provided by the ministry of Foreign Affairs, the TEC was expanded in 2013. It currently operates four offices in India, and to date has provided Mandarin training to over 1,000 to prepare them for advanced education in Taiwan.

Taiwan's delegation to this year's exposition was headed by NTHU president Hong Hocheng and included representatives from a variety of different organizations in Taiwan: Academia Sinica; TEC; the University System of Taiwan; National Taiwan Normal University; Kaohsiung Medical University; Nanhua University; Ciji University; and the Taipei Computer Association. In addition to presenting their respective schools and organizations at the exposition, the delegates also visited a number of leading research and academic institutions in the area, such as the Indian Institute of Information Technology, gaining insight into the current state of education in Bengaluru, as well as opportunities for future cooperative projects.

India's steady economy growth has greatly increased the need for higher education, yet the nation's existing universities are unable to meet the demand. Thus the idea behind the combined

industry-education exhibition was to attract large numbers of visitors, and then take the opportunity to introduce them to the high-quality educational opportunities available in Taiwan. According to President Hocheng, universities around the world are in need of talented students, of which India has a great abundance. President Hocheng stresses that the time is right for strengthening bilateral ties between Taiwan and India.

Lin, Ru-yu, a Mandarin teacher at the TEC program at the Indian Institute of Technology in Chennai, helped to arrange this year's exhibition. According to Lin, over 1,000 students from about 15 schools attended the event to find out about Mandarin education and scholarships. Lin also fielded quite a few inquiries concerning graduate programs at NTHU in such fields as mechanical engineering, computer science, biotechnology, industrial design, and management.



Representatives from various Indian universities attended the exhibition to explore opportunities for educational exchange.



Large numbers of Indian students attended the education exhibition to inquire

about learning Mandarin and studying in Taiwan.



President Hocheng (third from the left) leading the Taiwan delegation on a visit to Alliance University.