

**Ambassador Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay
Consul General of India in New York**

Friday, May 15th

H3C - Dr. Sen

Activities:

- Successful Health Sciences Conference was held in January in collaboration with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)
 - The Indian Minister of Health attended, and many connections were made for further collaboration
- MOU signing
- OSU will collaborate to build the first national facility for regenerative medicine in Delhi at the AIIMS campus
- First project: Acid burn victims—we have technology where we can reverse more than 90% of the damage—spray technology previously only available to military
 - Base of commerce is in Australia - 11k commercially
 - India will get it will them for 1k, and our grant will cover it
 - A group of surgeons will be involved in a trial
 - Phase 1—try 20 cases in three days
 - Phase 2- build it indigenously, bring cost down
 - Maybe two fellows will come to OSU

Request for Consul General: When the surgeons come to OSU and we are successful in the trials, could the Health Minister acknowledge the accomplishment (five minute stop, we'll cover the costs).

Obama-Singh- Anil Pradhan

Activities:

- India doesn't have a single university in the top 200, quality of faculty is a matter of concern
- OSU put in 1 million USD in cost-share for the Obama Singh program
- Project has the potential to spread to all major universities
- We already submitted a proposal for continuation (6 students each year for 3 years)
 - We want to focus on graduate students AT Indian universities, trained in a short two years, not five years.
 - Also working on creating an Indo-US consortium of universities

Request for the Consul General: help us expand this program

- To expand it and raise level of Indian Universities, including IITs, we need your help
- We have contacted the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Indian Ministry of Human Resource Development HRD, and the Indian Ministry of Education. The Consul General has requested a copy of these letters so he can contact these ministries directly.
- When the AMU Vice-Chancellor is here, could the education consul at the Consulate make an appearance here?

Obama-Singh Sultana Nahar

Activities:

- The current students have achieved a very high level of research while here—but they may not have the facilities at AMU.
- Lots of global traction with this program—universities in India, Saudi Arabia, Georgia, and Egypt are all interested

Request for the Consul General:

- Could students get assistance from the government in finding the proper research facilities/labs to continue their high level research once they return to India?
- Our bottle-neck is the government—we don't know how to approach administrators at that level
 - Reach HRD- haven't spoken to new minister—we need more contacts/leverage
 - They will be sending a copy of the invitation letter to the Consul General

Rattan Lal

Activities/History:

- It's the ambassador's second visit to OSU
- History with India goes back to 1955
- In the 60s until 71—180 got their PhDs at OSU
- We have a Tri-lateral partnership Program for Food Security with Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) in India and Egerton University in Kenya
 - We have Kenyan students at PAU
 - Want to extend it to Brazil (perhaps USP)
- President Drake went to India for the H3C
- Karen Holbrook had an honorary PhD from PAU
- Soil quality and climate change—we had 55 visiting scientists since 1999
 - Time period of 3 months - 1 year

Request for the Consul General:

- This collaboration in agriculture should be recognized

- We don't have graduate students—we only have visiting scholars
- Helped upgrade the agricultural curriculum in India
 - OSU can do this with other universities in India as well—we haven't followed up on this
- Facilitate transfer of the OCI card from one US passport into another—it takes 3 to 4 months
 - As long as you have the card, it should be fine
 - Had to cancel visits because he didn't have a visa -

Advice from Consul General:

For short-term visit

- Electronic tourist visa if you only need one-month (not useful for those with parents from Pakistan and/or China)
 - Spouses and kids used this visa for the H3C conference—30 days
 - In use for more than 80 countries

Usha Menon

- 2 initiatives
 - Working with Tata Memorial hospital regarding cervical cancer:
 - India accounts for 25% of world's cervical cancer deaths
 - Dissemination of screening programs, short term scientist exchange
 - Looking at behavioral research
 - ILMFS—infrastructure building company
 - Developing nursing workforce
 - Nursing education is not standardized
 - Establishing program in West Bangalore to train nurses to deliver palliative care and care coordination (for when people leave the hospital)
 - Launching clinical component in Bangalore
- Did all day research workshop during H3C workshop

Request for the Consul General:

- Indian Council of Nursing is bureaucratic and territorial
 - We don't want to bring nurses here, we want to go there
 - We'll reach out to the Consul General after we have some outcomes for help

Advice from Consul General:

- Get long-term ten year visa for people involved in going to India - they will help with this process