

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR



संवाद : HARNESSING SYNERGY FOR EXCELLENCE

Inaugural IITK Alumni - Faculty Summit

26th December 2006



Motivation

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur will celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 2009-2010 commemorating fifty years of pursuit of academic excellence. Looking forward, the Institute endeavors to grow from a world renowned undergraduate Institute to an outstanding research organization of this century. What makes an Institution great are its faculty, staff and students, the latter in turn become alumni. Working with faculty, the alumni, with their leadership, dynamism and vision, represent a precious resource pool which can contribute in realizing this transformation. A more active role of the alumni as participants, stakeholders and financial donors in steering the growth of the Institute can help speed this change. The Institute is planning the first Alumni-Faculty summit to bring about this shift to harness the mutual synergy. This inaugural summit, titled “Samvad”, will bring them together for a rigorous day-long session to better understand the motivations and expectations of the two groups,

their shared vision of Institute growth and excellence and ways and means of achieving this vision.

Format

The first part will consist of four panel discussion sessions, each of 30 minute duration, with four to five key alumni and faculty panelists lead by a moderator. The panelists will present their thoughts to set the stage for the workshop that will follow in the afternoon. All the attendees will participate in one of the four workshops on the topics. These smaller groups will discuss and come up with proposals for action and next steps to be taken. The last session will be a presentation by the moderators of each topic on the next steps. The follow-up to this meeting is planned to be held in conjunction with the Pan-IIT meeting to be held in California in July 2007.

Panel Discussion Topics

✚ **Expectations:** Alumni and Faculty define

their expectations from each other and understand the each other's limitations.

Communication: Systems and communication strategies to be put in place for addressing the Alumni-Faculty expectations.

Growth: Alumni-Faculty collaboration for the growth of the Institute in terms of the quality and quantity of faculty, academic programs and Alumni-Faculty research collaborations.

Excellence: An oft-repeated catch word. What defines excellence in the context of education? Ways and means for nurturing it.



Attendees

Invited Alumni and Faculty

Venue

Newly constructed Alumni and Student's Placement Center at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.

Travel Arrangements

Participants will be picked up from Kanpur Railway Station or Lucknow Airport upon specific prior intimation.

Contact

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Updated information for the event is available at: www.iitk.ac.in/drpg/summit



Program

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| 09:00 10:00 | Inauguration of Alumni and Student' Placement Center |
| 10:00 10:20 | Tea Break |
| 10:20 10:30 | Welcome by Summit co-chairs |
| 10:30 11:00 | Panel Discussion: Expectations |
| 11:00 11:30 | Panel Discussion: Communication |
| 11:30 12:00 | Panel Discussion: Growth Issues |
| 12:00 12:30 | Panel Discussion: Excellence |
| 12:30 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 16:00 | Workshops: Four parallel sessions |
| 16:00 16:30 | Tea Break |
| 16:30 18:00 | Workshop results and next action steps by moderators |
| 19:30 22:00 | Dinner |