

IIT-K signs MoU with Malaysian university

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Kanpur: Inking another deal for itself in the ongoing golden jubilee celebrations, the IIT-Kanpur authorities on Saturday formally signed an MoU with its Malaysian counterparts for the setting up of an electronic hub in Penang on Saturday.

The formality of signing the MoU was accomplished by Prof SG Dhande, director IIT-K, and Prof Tan Sri Dzulkipli Abdul Razak, vice-chancellor, Universiti Sains Malaysia.

Expressing hope that the signing of the MoU would provide mutual benefits to both parties, Prof Dhande said: "Various countries of the world

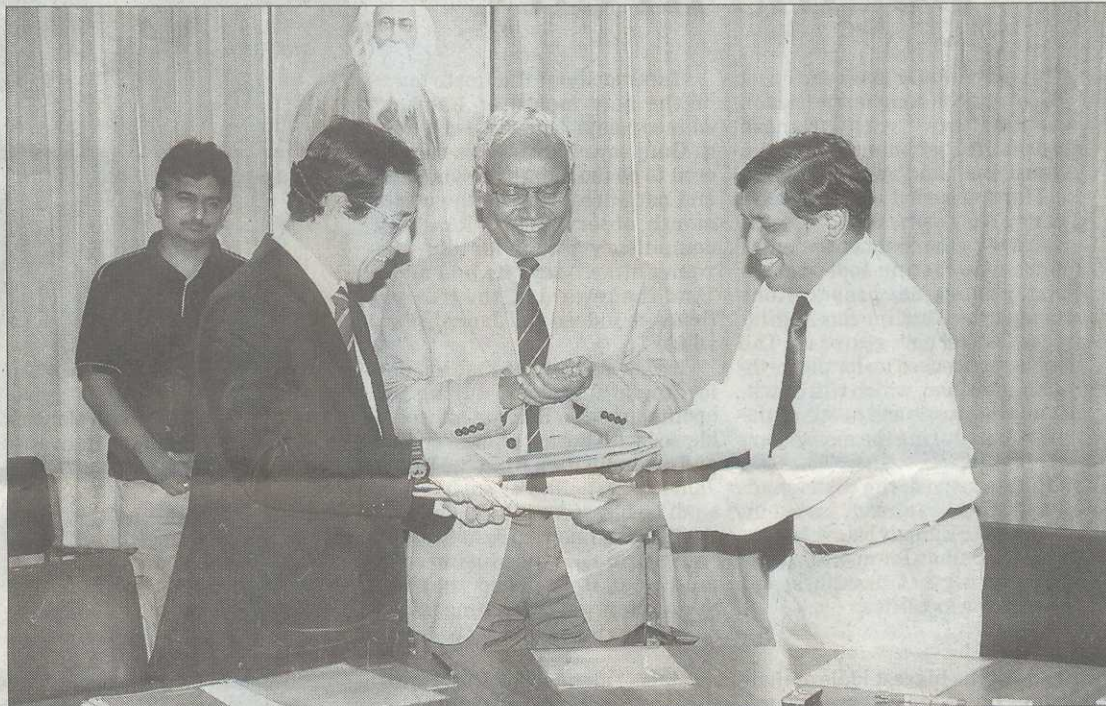
GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

are now looking up to us for technological collaborations and for the purpose of exchange of technical know-how. The signing of the MoU with the Malaysian university is one such fine example."

It is to be noted here that IIT-K will be making academic and technical know-how contributions to the collaboration made with Universiti Sains Malaysia whereas 'Khazanah'- the finance company established by the government of Malaysia- will look into the financial aspect for propelling research work

"With the signing of this deal, we will (IIT-K) be able to leave our footprints on the foreign soil as well. We will basically indulge in student and faculty exchange programme with the Universiti Sains Malaysia. Also we will keep our focus on the research work in the fields of electronics and material," added Dhande.

Extremely overwhelmed and excited with the inking of the MoU, Tan Sri Dzulkipli Abdul Razak, vice-chancellor, Universiti Sains Malaysia said: "We are a 40-year-old university, but very new to the field of science and technology. It is at



A NEW BEGINNING: The MoU being signed between Prof SG Dhande, director IIT-K, and Prof Tan Sri Dzulkipli Abdul Razak, vice-chancellor, Universiti Sains Malaysia on Saturday

IIT-K is India's rep for Brazil, SA

Kanpur: With the possibility of the formation of a multi-lateral agency for the purpose of carrying out coordinated research programmes, the Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur has been chosen as the Indian representative by the Government of India for dealing with countries like Brazil and South Africa.

Prof Sanjay Govind Dhande, director, IIT-K, informed: "It is a matter of pride for us that the Government of India has selected our institute as its representative for holding technological collaboration with Brazil and South Africa. The inter-continental platform to be formed has been named as IBSA (Indo-Brazil South Africa). The Union government has already accepted the proposal for setting up the same."

"The first round of interaction with Brazil took place recently and now the talks are going on at diplomatic level. The focus here will be to keep going in the field of scientific research and technological development. The benefits will be jointly reaped by all the three countries," added Dhande while talking to TOI.

He further informed that soon an international office will be set up in the IIT-K premises for dealing with international collaborations. It is to be noted here that IIT-K, which is celebrating its golden jubilee year, has been doing pretty well as far as inking deals with foreign soils are concerned. First it was Israel and then an MoU with Malaysia and the latest on the list is IBSA, which will also involve the faculty and student exchange with Brazil and South Africa apart from carrying out collaborated research programmes. TNN

this point of time that we wish to use the expertise of the IIT-K for transforming ourselves. Our students, faculty and industry people all will be benefited with this collaboration."

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Prof Dhande further informed that 20 training and 40 research programmes have been identified, which will be carried out in various phases. In phase one, two courses, namely 'Very Large Scale Integrated Circuits' and 'Radio Frequency Technology', will be taken up for the industry people for the first six

months, where IIT-K faculty will visit Penang.

Present on this occasion were a seven-member Malaysian delegation led by Prof Tan Sri Dzulkipli Abdul Razak, Prof Anandkrishnan, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT-K, Prof RK Thareja, Deputy Director, IIT-K, Prof NS Vyas, Prof Sanjeev Agarwal, Prof Sanjay Mittal, Registrar, IIT-K, Sanjeev S Kashalkar and others.