

First Overseas Inter-Faculty Lectures  
on  
Overseas Universities Collaboration: The prospects and challenges  
(18<sup>th</sup> November 2014, J.D hall, UTU)

Programme		Time
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer</li> <li>• Lamp lightning</li> <li>• UTU song</li> </ul>	10:00 to 10.15 am
	Opening remarks- <b>Professor D.R. Shah</b> (Provost, UTU, India)	10.15 to 10.20 am
	Welcome address- <b>Professor R. Krishnamurthy</b> (Director, CGBIBT, UTU, India)	10.20 to 10.25 am
Felicitation	<b>Shri Kiritbhai Patel</b> (Vice President, UTU, India) to <b>Professor A. Ambali</b> (Vice Chancellor, UNILORIN, Nigeria)	10.25 to 10.35 am
	<b>Professor D.R. Shah</b> (Provost, UTU, India) to <b>Dr Abdurashed A</b> (Chairman, Academic Staff Union of Universities, UNILORIN, Nigeria)	
	<b>Dr Poonam Mittal</b> (Director, BVP, UTU, India) to Professor T. Oladiji (Director, CREDIT, UNILORIN, Nigeria)	
	<b>Dr N.C. Shah</b> (Director, CGPIT, UTU, India) to <b>Dr Mohammad O. Ibrahim</b> (Director, Centre for International Education, UNILORIN, Nigeria)	
Start of the proceedings	<b>Dr Prashant Joshi</b> (Head, Dept. of management and commerce) to introduce Professor Ambali	10.35 to 11.15 am
	Talk by <b>Professor Ambali</b>	11.20 am to 12.00 pm
	<b>Mrs Jaishree Tailor</b> (Assistant Professor at SRIMCA, UTU) to introduce Professor Oladiji	
	Talk by <b>Professor Oladiji</b>	12.05 to 12.45 pm
	<b>Dr Ketan Ranch</b> (Assistant Professor at Dept. of Pharmacy, UTU) to introduce Professor Mohammed Ibrahim	
	Talk by <b>Professor Mohammed Ibrahim</b>	
LUNCH BREAK		1.00 to 2.00 pm
General discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Mulchand Sen</b> (Assistant Professor at SRIMCA, UTU) to introduce Dr Abdul Rasheed.</li> <li>• Chaired and Co-chaired by <b>Dr Abdul Rasheed</b> and <b>Dr Prashant Joshi</b> respectively with other dignitaries of UNILORIN</li> </ul>	2:00 to 3:45 PM
	Vote of thanks by <b>Professor Rajashekhar I</b> (CGBIBT, UTU, India)	3:45 to 3:55PM
	National anthem	3:55 to 4:00 PM
	Cultural activities	4:00 to 5:00 PM

## **Overseas Universities Collaboration: The Prospects and Challenges – Summary Report**

The first Overseas Inter-Faculty Lectures on “Overseas Universities Collaboration: The Prospects and Challenges” was organised by C. G Bhakta Institute of Biotechnology, Uka Tarsadia University (India) in collaboration with University of Ilorin (Nigeria) in the month of November 2014 (on 17-18<sup>th</sup>). It was the first of its kind to be organised by Uka Tarsadia University (UTU). The Overseas Inter-Faculty Lectures was organized as a further move since the University of Ilorin, Nigeria and Uka Tarsadia University, Gujarat, India signed a MoU in March 2013 to Establish collaborations in areas such as Academic Linkages, Educational Research, Teaching Faculty and Student Exchange among others for their mutual benefits and academic excellence. The Lectures attracted large number of attendees across different faculties, the teaching, non teaching and student, amounting to nearly 500 participants.

The UNILORIN delegate was led by Professor A. Ambali (The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin (UNILORIN). In his team were Professor T. Oladiji (Director, CREDIT, UNILORIN), Prof. Mohammad O. Ibrahim (Director, Centre for International Education, UNILORIN) and Dr Abdulrasheed Adeoye (Chairman, Academic Staff Union of Universities, UNILORIN). Mr David A. Animasaun and Mrs Abdulkareem A. Khadijah (both are teaching staff at Unilorin) who are presently conducting research for their Ph.D. under Prof. R. Krishnamurthy’s mentorship on Faculty Exchange Programme at Uka Tarsadia University, India were also in attendance.

Professor R. Krishnamurthy (Director, C. G Bhakta Institute of Biotechnology, UTU, India) gave the welcome address. In his address, he gave a detailed account on how it all started and the series of events that led to the signing of Memorandum of Understanding. He informed the audience about the status of various projects that are being jointly conducted particularly on Nigerian Napier Grasses, Yam varieties, Okra, Brinjal and few medicinal plants. He also informed the audience on the on-going prestigious collaborative project on Plant Tissue Culture project in Nigeria. He articulated that such collaborations should also be in between other faculties of UTU and UNILORIN. It was also mentioned that a student (M.Sc Biotechnology) from Uka Tarsadia University is being sent to Nigeria as a part of student exchange programme for six months dissertation work.

Thereafter, opening remarks were given by Dr D. R. Shah (Provost, Uka Tarsadia University, India). In his speech, he itemised the significant achievements made by the University in the recent time. He also stressed the importance and future prospects of collaboration between the Universities.

Subsequently, lectures were delivered by our Nigerian counterparts on different topics such as; Collaborations in Contemporary Research, University Administration and Management, Multidisciplinary Approaches in Research and Importance of Student/Staff Exchange Programmes.

Professor A. Ambali explained how current research trends focus on the scientific development has provided us with many diversified fields, he emphasized the need for collaborative environment to facilitate the knowledge dissemination. He elucidated the role of

University Administration and Management in smoothening the academic processes. Professor T. Oladiji explained Multidisciplinary Research and its Challenges and Prospects in the current scenario. She detailed the gravity of the situation wherein the need for multidisciplinary research is becoming more and more relevant especially in the field of natural sciences. Her talk made the audience to ponder with the idea of multidisciplinary research. The prominence of staff/student exchange programmes were explained by Dr. Mohammed O. Ibrahim. His lecture included the significance of exchange programmes where by students/staff would exchange cultural and as well as intellectual ideas, thereby teaching and learning the values of other cultures and traditions. He also suggested various ways of developing and consolidating further exchange programmes between Uka Tarsadia University and University of Ilorin.

Prof. Rajashekhar Ingalhalli gave vote of thanks.

Our Nigerian guests took part in a cultural programme organised by students of Nursing Department, Uka Tarsadia University which exhibited cultural flavour of India as well as Gujarat. The delegates enjoyed the event and appreciated the performances. In the concluding programme of Cultural events Dr. Abdulrasheed Adeoye, Dept of Performing Arts, Unilorin appreciated the themes of the individual programmes and as it reflected talents of youths and Indian Traditional Informations.

Conclusively, the Inter-Faculty lectures were fruitful in stimulating new ideas and suggesting solutions to the current challenges faced in the field of education. The need was felt that such lectures should be conducted regularly in order to get new insights in the field of teaching and research.







