

Report

Amity Skills Institute along with Amity Law School, AUH, in association with British Council organised a Law Mission on January 19, 2016 . A team of six academicians visited AUH from the prestigious universities of United Kingdom to interact with the students and the faculty. Law Mission was successful in providing students an understanding of contemporary issues in Law and the global law education. It also opened many avenues for student immersion programmes and future academic collaborations in research and development. Following academicians visited AUH:

1. Prof. Matthew Sadler - Staffordshire University
2. Prof. John Tingle – Nottingham Trent University
3. Dr. Simon Sneddon – University of Northampton
4. Prof. Andrew Baker – Liverpool John Moores University
5. Prof. Mel Kenny – University of Exeter
6. Prof. Charlotte Skeet – University of Sussex

The team which was accompanied by two members from British Council, Mr. Mayank Manohar and Ms. Ruchika Mazumdar arrived, as was scheduled, and was received by senior members of Amity University Haryana including Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Padmakali Banerjee, Director of Security and Student Welfare Gen. G.S. Bal, Director Law School Gen P.K Sharma, Gen Mahavir Singh, Director Medical School, Dr. Vikas Madhukar, Director Admission and Deputy Director Amity Business School ,Dr. Bhavana Adhikari, Deputy Dean Academics and Ms. Reena Nigam, Programme Coordinator Amity Skills Institute. Invitations had also been sent to the three Amity Law Schools at NOIDA and Amity Law School, Jaipur. Dr. Madhu Shastri along with two Faculty Members from Jaipur attended the Law Mission.

Team briefly interacted at the Lounge and then proceeded to Audi A for a formal presentation before the students and all the Deans, Directors, HODs, HOIs, faculty and the students of ALS and ABS. The presentation included floral welcome and Lamp lighting.

Speaking on the occasion Director Law School welcomed the team and spoke about the initiatives taken by Amity Law School. Dr. Padmakali, Pro Vice Chancellor, AUH, highlighted the need for international exchanges and cooperation in the field of law particularly in view of globalisation. She exhorted the students to take full advantage of the presence of such learned international experts. She shared her thoughts on the importance of law- education in India and how the visiting team can benefit students of Amity in their understanding of international laws and its education.

The guests were felicitated with colorful stoles. The visiting team looked extremely happy with the gesture and did not fail to appreciate it with gracious words. The program ended with Ms. Reena Nigam, Program Coordinator Amity Skills Institute, speaking about the Skill initiatives at AUH.

The Speakers were then escorted by the Faculties to locations where they delivered their lectures in their field of expertise. The addresses were well received by the students. The sessions ended with a question answer Session.

The topics of discussion were as given below:

Ser No	Lecture By	Topic	Attended By			Location
			ALS	ABS	AMS	
A	Prof. Mathew Sadler	The Law of obligations : Contract Law & Tort Law in our everyday's lives	100 Students + 06 Faculty	100 Students + 02 Faculty	-	'A' Block Auditorium
B	Prof. Andrew Baker	Structure of Bank Regulation	-do-	-do-	-	-do-
C	Dr. Simon Seddon	Involvement of organised crime groups in the international trade in endangered species	150 Students + 04 Faculty	-	-	'A' Block Seminar Hall
D	Prof. Charlotte Skeet	Human Rights	-do-	-	-	-do-
E	Prof. Mel Kenny	Harmonisation of transnational Commercial Law	30 Students + 04 Faculty	-	20 Students + Director and 02 Faculty	'A' Block Conference Room
F	Prof. John Tingle	Medical and Health Law	-do-	-	-do-	-do-

After a very educating interaction with the students the visiting team assembled at the Conference Hall to discuss the future collaboration with the faculty and senior management of AUH.

Discussion began with Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Padmakali Banerjee giving the guests a brief on the principles, ethos, academic initiatives and collaborations of AUH. While discussing about initiatives like Incubator, Center of Excellence, and Center for BRICS Studies etc she proposed similar collaboration regarding Research Projects, Faculty Development and Students' exchange programs. She emphasized on student immersion programme and sharing other innovative ideas.

From the visiting team, Dr. Mathew Sadler, Lecturer, Staffordshire University, shared enthusiasm over possible exchange programmes and future collaboration. He said that both the universities can focus on working together in fields of joint projects and research.

DR. CHARLOTTE SKEET, Lecturer in Law, University of Sussex, spoke about the student exchange program for Law student with her associated university.

Dr. Andrew Baker from Liverpool John Moores University informed that Liverpool University offers 3 different Master degree programs in Criminal law, Security, Legal Practice. University also offers student exchange for 1 Year LLM Master Degree where student can study their 1st Semester in UK and 2nd semester at home university. Some of the programs of this university have Indian BAR council recognition.

Dr. Mel Kenny, Lecturer, University of Exeter started his talk with his introduction along with the university location details. He said that his university has 4900+ international students where 2/3rd capacity is of Indian students enrolled in different law programs. He said that his University offers programs for Contract, e-Law, Human rights, commercial law etc. He said that many initiatives can be taken for the student exchange program in future. According to him, research in the field of Law can be one of the focus areas where both the universities can look forward.

Dr. Simon Seddon, University of Northampton, offers blended programs as per need of the other university expectation to fulfill their customised program needs. University offers the programs with 2-3 weeks student exchange having frequency of 3 times in a year. This university also offers distance learning and key employability related programs in Law.

Dr. John Tingle from Nottingham Trent University shared a very innovative idea at the University. University of Nottingham has a Law firm within the University campus and has deployed two Solicitors to give a hands-on experience of court of Law. Dr. Padmakali appreciated the idea and suggested a similar model for Amity too. Other than that the university offers 12 different LLM Programs in Oil and gas, General Law, International trade and commerce, Health law, Human rights and justice etc. The university also offers scholarship to the students.

After guests interactions, Directors of Law School and International affairs shared similar thoughts regarding collaborations. Dr. Gunjan Sanjeev, Director International Relations, briefed the guests about Amity's international campuses and also about Three Continent programmes and how further collaboration can be thought of. Dr. Bhavana Adhikari, Deputy Dean Academics discussed the Credit systems and certificate programs. Many faculty members from Law schools discussed their areas of expertise and research. Dr. Madhukar summed up the discussion with the hope of each of these thoughts materializing into functional realities. Dr. Madhukar emphatically expressed the importance of student exchange programmes.

There was a general consensus on exploring opportunities for partnerships and collaborations at the academic level. The Pro VC thanked the visiting dignitaries and also the British Council for organising this interaction.

Soon the guests joined senior members of AUH for sumptuous lunch. After lunch, the visiting dignitaries were taken for a round of the University Campus. They then proceeded to the Airport for their further journey.