

Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi Hosts President of the University of Illinois System, Timothy L. Killeen and Donald J. Edwards, Chairman of the Board of Trustees:

Signs MoU for Joint Educational and Research Activities

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Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIITD) proudly welcomed the esteemed President of the University of Illinois System, Timothy L. Killeen, along with other dignitaries from the University of Illinois, USA, to its campus. The visit aimed to foster collaboration between the two prestigious institutions and explore avenues for mutual growth and advancement in education and research.

Accompanying President Killeen were notable officials from the University of Illinois System, including Donald J. Edwards, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Jay Walsh, Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation; Deba Dutta, Senior Advisor to the President; Pradeep Khanna, Associate Vice President for International Engagement; Bellur S. Prabhakar, Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Research; Kelvin Droegemeier, Professor of Atmospheric Sciences; Avijit Ghosh, Dean Emeritus Gies College of Business; Venkat Venkatakrishnan, Director of Research at Discovery Partners Institute; Harley Johnson, Founder Professor and Associate Dean for Research; Narendra Ahuja, Donald Biggar Willett Professor Emeritus in Electrical and Computer Engineering; and Brooke Weisenbeck, Vice President for Presidential Development Initiatives.

During the visit, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi and the University of Illinois System formalized their commitment to collaboration by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU outlines a framework for cooperation in various areas such as education, research, faculty exchange, and staff development.

Key provisions of the MoU include:

- Establishment of cooperative relationships through mutual assistance in education and research.
- Implementation of joint educational and research activities.
- Exchange of faculty members, advanced graduate students, and staff.
- Participation in seminars, academic meetings, and special programs.
- Negotiation of separate agreements for specific activities, subject to availability of funds and approval.
- Limitations and procedures for student exchanges.

- Duration, renewal, termination, and amendment procedures.

Professor Ranjan Bose, Director of Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi, conveyed his enthusiasm regarding the collaboration, expressing, *"We are delighted to formalize our partnership with the University of Illinois System. This MoU establishes avenues for a multitude of opportunities for both institutions to engage in joint academic programs, exchange knowledge, and foster academic excellence."*

President Timothy L. Killeen echoed similar sentiments, emphasizing the importance of international partnerships in advancing global education and research agendas. He stated, *"Our visit to IIITD signifies a crucial stride in nurturing robust partnerships that transcend borders. In the backdrop of India's burgeoning economy, we are committed to fortifying and expanding existing relationships. Strengthening ties with India is paramount to us. Together, we aim to embark on joint research ventures, focusing on critical areas such as agricultural resilience, sustainability, healthcare, artificial intelligence, and quantum technology."*

The signing ceremony was attended by faculty members, researchers, and students from both institutions, signifying the beginning of a promising partnership.

In an era defined by rapidly evolving global economics and transformative research pedagogy, the collaboration between IIITD and the University of Illinois System underscores the critical importance of international cooperation. By joining forces, these esteemed institutions not only enrich their own academic landscapes but also contribute to the broader global knowledge ecosystem. Together, they exemplify the power of cross-border partnerships in shaping the future of education, research, and innovation on a global scale.