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THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COLLABORATIONS (OIAC), MAHE ORGANIZED A POTPOURRI OF EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY NAMED 'KAIROS'

A series of events conducted in order to celebrate the International Students' Day known as 'Kairos', on August 9, 2019, initially held at Marena, the Indoor sports complex, following at the Dr TMA Pai auditorium here. OIAC is the University's comprehensive resource for study abroad, research abroad, internship abroad, and other educational experiences worldwide. Kairos was marked with a fascinating mix of cultures from different lands and traditions make MAHE truly international. At Marena, Dr Raghu Radhakrishnan- Director International Collaborations enthusiastically inaugurated the event.



MAHE celebrates 'Kairos' International students' day

The students of various countries put up stalls to portraying something interesting from their home-towns. The programme was then followed, at the Dr TMA Pai auditorium that initiated with the procession of the students from 58 countries. Various fun-filled activities and performances took place on this Kairos, 2019. The Pro Chancellor Dr Ballal had launched, MAESTRO - Manipal Academic Exchange and Student Traineeship for Research Outreach (a portal exclusively outlining all the internships and projects that the International Students can undertake in Manipal). Apart from MAESTRO, the Vice Chancellor Dr Bhat had also launched the, "Aula Magna", a quarterly newsletter published from the International office entailing all the International details, features and news.

International students of MAHE celebrate 'Kairos 2019'

*Rhys Palmer, Head of International
Affairs, UNSW Sydney*

Office of International Affairs and Collaborations (OIAC), MAHE organized a potpourri of events to celebrate the International Students' Day named "Kairos", on August 9, 2019, first at Marena, the Indoor sports complex, and later in the day at the Dr TMA Pai auditorium here. OIAC is the University's comprehensive resource for study abroad, research abroad, internship abroad, and other educational experiences worldwide. By promoting intercultural competence, meticulous erudition and acquisition of foreign languages, OIAC provides opportunities for international experience. It also administers student exchange programmes with partner institutions around the globe. MAHE has close to 300+ international linkages and facilitates over 1000+ mobilities with universities across the globe. This is one day in the calendar of the University the international students look forward to. The OIAC meticulously works out a good blend of programmes which evince a lot of interest. And, the students look forward to the celebrations enthusiastically to let their hair down. A fascinating mix of cultures from different lands and traditions make MAHE truly international. All that was on display during the programmes. At Marena the mood was that of a carnival. Dr Raghu Radhakrishnan Director International Collaborations inaugurated it. Bingo, World Cafe and Jive made it lively.

The students of some of the countries put up stalls to showcasing something interesting from back home. The programme at the Dr TMA Pai auditorium began with the procession of the students from 58 countries. Each of them carried a flag of their home nation and pinned them on to the world map, symbolic of international presence in Manipal. Pro Chancellor Dr. HS Ballal and Vice Chancellor, Dr. H Vinod Bhat congratulated the students. Dr Raghu also made a presentation of all the international exchanges and Internships hosted at Manipal. "Sharing the Spotlight with the Vice Chancellor' was a question answer session with Dr Bhat. MS Shantala Pai hosted the programme and four students asked questions on internationalization and Manipal's journey as a global University.

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SPOTLIGHT WITH THE VICE CHANCELLOR



Questions from faculty

Shantala (Faculty): Sir we are all aware that internationalization has been of paramount importance to MAHE and we all know how much of importance has been given to internationalization here. So my first question would be, how do you think that the institute of eminence status would promote internationalization for a mature institution like MAHE?

Vice Chancellor: Thank you for the first question. I think, I presume this is a tough question and the questions to follow are much easier. Manipal is the most successful of Indian universities to go overseas. This is not my quote, this appeared in the issue of October 2015 of The Economist. Internationalization is not limited to student mobility alone, it includes campus overseas, core-taught programs, core-supervised PhDs, multi-country consortia for research, opportunities for faculty to do their sabbaticals overseas. So these are all the things that make up internationalization. Internationalization and research are paramount to Manipal getting an institute of eminence and this in-turn

I feel brings more opportunities, IoE status now gives us a chance to increase our international intake of students from 30% of all students, from 15%. It gives us the freedom to hire international faculty, and also there are opportunities for for strategic tie ups for the best universities of the world.



QUESTIONS FROM STUDENTS

Ms Dina Abdelkar: Hi I associate internationalization with travel. How important is it for students to travel to a different country and experience a different culture and different learning experience?

Vice Chancellor: Student mobility was contemplated and carried out for the first time at the end of the second world war when there was widespread devastation across the world. So at the end of it, the world, especially Europe thought that the best ambassadors for peace would be students, and therefore large scale mobility of students across countries and continents would lead to lasting peace across the world and this is was an assumption I truly believe in that travel is not so much for pleasure and not just for the student and individual, but for the world as well. Extended stay and study in an environment away from home, opportunities for looking at higher learning and employment in a foreign country, are some of the tangible outcomes from such mobility.

David Bepale: Hello my name is David, I'm from Czech Republic and I study in the United Kingdom and my question for you is how are the universities across the globe helping students to gain international experience?

Vice Chancellor: Universities across the world who foster this student mobility, have an international office which facilitates not merely agreements to be signed towards universities but also creates opportunities for students to do internships, projects, or study abroad with their partners. In addition, various universities have student chapters for exchanges and I can only look



at Manipal's example where we have the local chapter for IAESTE, AIESEC, now IPSF, for SPIE and several others which work independently and autonomously, under the tutelage of a faculty, to facilitate these exchanges. So I think these are the kind of things universities worldwide, which have a focus on internationalization, do.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Natalia Markowiak

Lodz University of Technology

“Kairos is an incredible experience. The one leaving memories you would not ever see fading and at the same time you wish to immediately forget, so that you get the chance to relive it all over again, with the same loads of positive emotions. It is about celebrating culture and people, appreciating the beauty of diversity, as well as creating a platform for free discussion and opinions exchange. It feels like stepping into the colorful world of various languages, cuisines, national dances or even diverse clothing styles. You are amazed and overwhelmed by the beauty of each and every one of them, however finally what strikes you the most is that in all that diversity there is unity of humans interested in each other and humans willing to share some part of them with their surroundings.

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I wish I could participate in Kairos once more... or twice, or maybe in all the next editions.

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Julia Blikova WGSHA

University of Chemistry and Technology Prague

On the evening of August 9th, Manipal Academy of Higher Education hosted an event Kairos for international students. The program was educative, entertaining but mainly showed that students can also enjoy good fun. For me it was a unique opportunity to represent my country by holding my national flag. After that I really enjoyed the performances which the international students participated in. over the world. . Thank you for the experience of Kairos!

SPREAD FOR CULTURALS

THE EVENING OF KAIROS WAS MARKED BY SEVERAL DANCE PERFORMANCES, FASHION SHOWS AND SINGING



EXOTIC BOLLYWOOD DANCE PERFORMED BY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

CULTURAL DANCE PERFORMED BY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



POST PERFORMANCES PHOTOGRAPH

TESTIMONIALS FROM STUDENT BODIES

IAESTE

Yash Banka

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It brings IAESTE closer to each other and also gives us the opportunity to collaborate with other student organizations in the university.

This was the 4th year that IAESTE India LC Manipal was part of the organizing committee for MAHE's International Day. Each year the event becomes bigger, and throws up unexpected challenges. This is what makes it exciting, the element of newness. Our interns and the international students on campus look forward to this event and Kairos has become one of the highlights of their stay in Manipal.

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AISEC

Muskaan Bhatia

KAIROS was an amazing platform for the interns and other organizations. The events that were incorporated were really engaging and built a positive spirit amongst the crowd. It started off with an open mic where the foreign interns were given a platform to share their views on various stereotypes. This was followed by world cafe, which was a segment where discussions about current and sensitive issues were raised.

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The ideation space that was created through these events was really impactful.

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The evening was one for celebration and rejoicing. So, here's to the many more celebration of diversity.

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Pranshul Pratik

My favorite part about this edition of KAIROS was when people showcased their nations through singing, dancing, food, customs, costumes, music & traditions and when they shared their thoughts about the stereotypes they find in their respective country.

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