Internationalization at SICSR

SICSR believes in offering maximum opportunities of Internationalization abroad and at home to the students as well as staff. Several activities and initiatives have been undertaken in the AY 2017-18 which are as follows:

a) International fulltime students:

SICSR is a popular destination for fulltime International Students who aspire to study in techno-management area. The strength of International students (AY2017-18) was 90 representing 24 countries. SICSR attempts to create an environment relating to ‘Home away from Home’ for these international students via various initiatives aligned to the vision of SIU.

Following activities were undertaken for the international cohort.

a) Regular institute level meet-ups with the international students were conducted to understand their culture and academic & non-academic issues.

b) Buddy system and guidance sessions & remedial classes were established to assist new (2017 batch) students.

c) Students participated in international events conducted by SCIE viz. SSE flag presentation, International Day events, Christmas & Diwali, Iftar celebrations, Yoga Day and International Students’ Council elections.

d) Issues related to administration & academic were resolved with the help of faculty, authorities etc. The issues were related to visa, attendance, FRRO, courses, backlog, exam results of Afghanistan students , pending fees etc.

e) SICSR nominated International Students Council 2017. Grishma Thapa from BBA-IT who represented Nepal was selected.

f) International students of SICSR enthusiastically participated in various events on 28 July & 31 July 2017 to commemorate the birthday celebrations of beloved Chancellor, SIU and Founder President , Symbiosis Society Dr. S. B. Mujumdar .This year all the events viz NGO visit, tree plantations, flag hoisting, food festival & dance competitions were dominated by the new cohort of international students from SICSR.

g) The international student count for the AY2017-18 is as follows:

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b) International opportunities given to SICSR students:

SICSR believes in student mobility. Semester exchange and summer schools is also one of the short-term attractive options for the students. Following are a few highlights:

- Aviral Goyal & Shruti Kulkarni from BBA-IT were selected for a semester exchange in IESEG University, France under tuition waiver scholarships for 2017-18 under the Global Immersion Program (GIP).
- Priyank Talwar, Anand Shirmal & Aakash Suryavanshi completed summer school at foreign universities and received 2 credits under GIP. Niharika (BBA-IT) has been selected for summer school course on Competitive Strategy and Game Theory at London School of Economics (LSE, UK).
- Akash Arora, Mihir Vohra, Nathan DPenha from MSc CA & and Manindeer deep Singh Saini from MSc SS availed research internship at Ritsumaikan University, Japan under scholarship.
- Lalit Chandwani has been positioned as Developer Student Club Lead by Google
- Global Outreach Program (GOP) - In order to provide international exposure to MBA-IT students, a Study Tour to Singapore & Malaysia was facilitated by SICSR. 11 students from MBA-IT participated in this GOP in the duration May 9-16, 2018.
- Grishma (BCA student of SICSR from Nepal) participated in Innompic Games 2017 as a member of SIU International Team. The team bagged 5 awards for Symbiosis

c) Inter Cultural day:

An Intercultural Day was organized by SICSR International Cell in association with Orator’s Club of SICSR on 12 September 2017 at the campus. The event started with the arrival of Dr. Anupam Saraph, faculty members and students of SICSR. The theme of the event was "Know our Culture" and it proved to be a cultural immersion opportunity for SICSR students. More than 35 foreign national students of SICSR from different countries like Somalia, Bahrain, Nepal, Afghanistan, Yemen, and Burundi exhibited their rich culture through their attire, native food cuisine, country statistics & heritage photographs, flags, charts and songs. The event saw two remarkable performances by foreign nationals; Ahmed from Somalia and Nimattullah from Afghanistan sang two songs “love to my country” in native Somalian language and “Muskurane ki wajah tum ho” a Hindi song respectively. The Indian students expressed our traditions & culture in the form of skit & dance performances. SICSR Orator’s Club performed a drama and dance on the theme “God resides within us” a rich belief of our Indian culture since ages. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the exhibits and performances.

This forum provided a way to foster intercultural friendship and understanding between Indian & International students of SICSR.

d) Android Workshop:

It was conducted on 16,18 Dec 2017 by Developer Student Club (DSC) of SICSR steered by Lalit Chandwani, the Google DSC lead. It received overwhelming registrations and 47 students gained to learn the basics of Android programming.
e) Initiatives for collaborations:

- Delegates visited SICSR from various universities of UK, Japan and Australia. This help initiate grounds for academic collaboration leading to student and faculty exchange, research, seminars etc.
- Dr Harald Beschorner Chancellor FOM University Germany and Michaela Schonherr - Head International Relations visited SICSR for a prospective association in the area of Data Sciences.
- Rashmi Arvikar from Campus France interacted with SICSR faculty and explained opportunities of research internships in French Universities and PhD scholarships offered by French Government

f) Software Solutions Design (SSD) 2017:

- SICSR along with SCIE organized a Software Solutions Design (SSD) program at SICSR for 16 Japanese students from Ritsumeikan University. The program was conducted with the help of SICSR faculty and SCIE staff from 4 August to 9 September 2017. It provided the RITS students an opportunity to work on project design and programming. The students were also thrilled to visit IT company and NGO. The students experienced cultural immersion with Indian students via buddy-activities.

g) International Publications:

Dr. Pravin Metkewar: 4 Publications with international faculty: Khizer Syed Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, College of Computer, Qassim University, Al-Qassim, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

h) International seminar:

Dr. Lalit Kathpalia, Director SICSR was invited as a Session Speaker in an International seminar called as “Adobe Education Leaders Seminar2017” themed as ‘Skilling Young India’. This was organized from 28th June to 30th June 2017 at Hyatt Regency, Hua Hin, Thialand.

i) International Scholarships:

Meenakshi Dhanani was awarded the Anita Borg Scholarship. 3 Grace Hopper scholarships were offered to MSc CA students.

j) International Conference:

International Conference on Emerging Information and Communication Technology Solutions for Digital Transformation was conducted during 8-9 March 2018 (EICTSDT) by SICSR under the Faculty of |Computer Studies, Symbiosis International (Deemed University). The conference was graced by international speakers viz: Tirupathi Mandala ,Sr. Java Consultant, Citi Group, New York City, USA; Dr. Syed Khizer, Associate Professor, Qassim University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Dr. David Shim, University of Groningen, Netherlands; Dr. Anabel Quan-Haase, Professor, University of Western
k) BSc-IT Program for international students:

This program was specially conceptualized for international students from non-English speaking countries. This program has an exit option in the second year awarding an Advance Diploma.

SICSR is very grateful to the concerned departments who have guided us in accomplishing these tasks.