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Incoming Delegation from India on Higher Education

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I wanted to follow up and let you know that the FICCI higher education delegation last week was a great success! I know most of you were able to attend at least a portion of the day, and I would like to thank you for your support.

The delegation members and FICCI were extremely pleased with the whole day. We began the day with greetings from all of the partners, which I believe showed FICCI and the delegation how collaboratively we work between the University, the India Association, and the India Centre. It was exciting to showcase that. We then had a panel of presenters from the University of Winnipeg speaking about many of our unique attributes at UW, including our community renewal, sustainability, and the collegiate. FICCI was extremely impressed and made a request that UW participate in a conference they are putting together in the fall as we touched on a number of items of interest to them. Dallas Hull was then able to take them on a brief tour of the campus before the rain and lunch, which they all very much enjoyed.

Lunch brought together members of the Indo-Canadian and the larger community- business community, university community, and the delegation for a total of 60 participants. After great food from Diversity on campus, we heard from Cheryl Prokopanko, Director of the International Education Branch of Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning and from our keynote, Deepak Obhrai, MP and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights. The formal component concluded with hearing from Ms. Shobha Mishra Ghosh, Senior Director with FICCI about their experience to date and their Higher Education vision report. Following some networking, the delegation had one on one time with representatives from UWinnipeg and a few other post secondary institutions (Université de Saint-Boniface, Menno Simmons College, and Robertson College). Following this, the delegation went on a guided tour of our Legislative Building and the day capped off with dinner at Charisma before heading to the airport.

Another exciting event for the India Centre that showcased our community, our city, the India Association, and the University of Winnipeg.

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