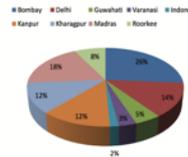


President's Message

**KAMSAHAMNIDA
(THANK YOU) KOREA**



**MEMBERSHIP
COMPOSITION**



EVENTS
GSIS TALK, GAMES
NIGHT, CRUISE NIGHT



DISC
CONTRIBUTION TO
INDIA SMART CITY

NEWSLETTER



Moving Forward...

It's been about a year since we met on a cold December evening which eventually led to the formation of IITAAK. The last few months have been a memorable journey for all of us but we believe that the best is yet to come. We've almost doubled our membership over the last six months as more and more IITians choose to come to Korea. There have been events where we had fun and games, enjoyed the Seoul skyline from the Han River, welcomed our new

From inception to date, An exciting First year journey of IIT-Alumni Association Korea Group.

members and had intense intellectual discussion about how we can transform India.

If the first six months of our existence was all about setting up the framework on which this organization rests, then the last six months was surely a time when we truly began to explore our potential and abilities. We are increasingly active in interacting with the local community and at the same time doing our bit to make India a better place. As this year draws to a close, we look back with a sense of accomplishment but at the same time remaining focussed on our future. Hope all of you have lots of fun during the year end festivities and may the New Year bring new opportunities and achievements.

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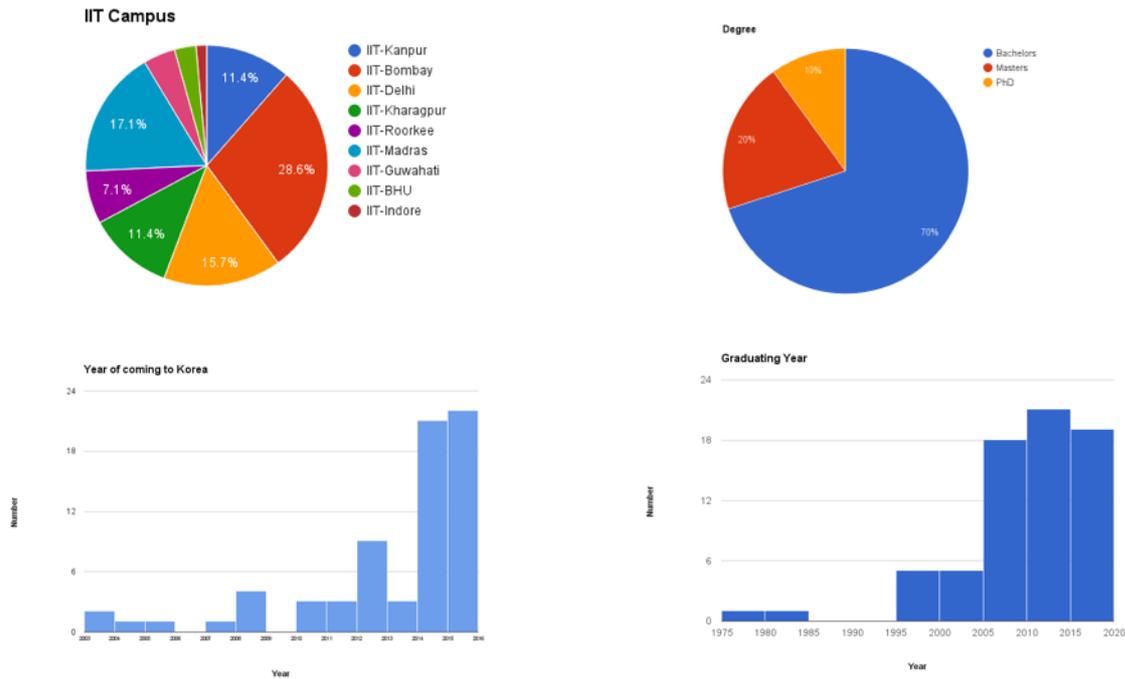
Chukha Hamnida (meaning Congratulations in Korean) IIT Alumni Association of Korea (IITAANK)! Kamsahamnida (Thank you) Korea !! Completing our 1st year with lots to be proud of and share is indeed a milestone. As the Founder President, I know that this would not have been possible without the support of our members; special kudos to our team of office bearers who put in time and unwavering effort voluntarily to give IITAANK its place in the sun. I take this opportunity to thank them all. Our rapidly growing membership base coupled with their active participation in various activities (be it the leisurely 'games night' or the sober 'GSIS lecture series') has motivated us to relentlessly push the frontier of new possibilities. One such recent attempt was the DISC task force – an initiative to make our humble contributions to the briskly transforming India. In just 5 weeks, we were able to come up with 30 relevant and practical ideas related to digital India and smart cities in India and later present them to His Excellency, the Ambassador of India to South Korea. Isn't that amazing? They say that starting anything from scratch is not easy. So was the case with building this awesome alumni association of incredible IIT graduates in Korea but we've come so far. While we, at IITAANK, celebrate the completion of this fruitful year gone by, we are also aware of the rising expectations from us going forward. We can and we will continue to scale our efforts to make a positive difference to our society and make this world an exciting place. Hwaiting (Go for it)!



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Membership Composition



Currently we have 65 registered members. The last few months saw the arrival of no less than 12 new graduates, representing the growth in popularity of Korea as a destination of choice for IITians. At the same time our alumni with experience in various parts of the globe are also showing interest in coming to Korea, thanks to its vibrant tech sector.

Logo Inauguration

Launch of our Logo by Mr. Manohar Parrikar, Honorable Defence Minister of India during his visit to Seoul - Mrs. Girija Magarkar, who designed the logo, explains it during a Breakfast Reception at the Millennium Hilton Hotel.



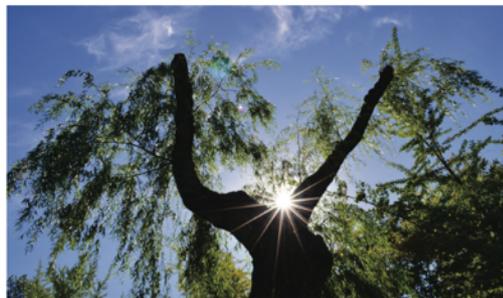
Group Activities

Chuseok Photography Contest

Chuseok , the Korean Traditional Thanksgiving, is one of the 2 major holidays in Korea. Many people use this opportunity to travel. Around this time, our members participated in a playful competition to capture their observations. Here are the 3 winners.



1st Prize: Prudvi Tej
Title: Chuseok Bonding 1.0



2nd Prize: Prashant Purwar
Title: Victory enjoys a shining star



3rd Prize: Sandeep Gupta
Title: Hangang River at perfect evening

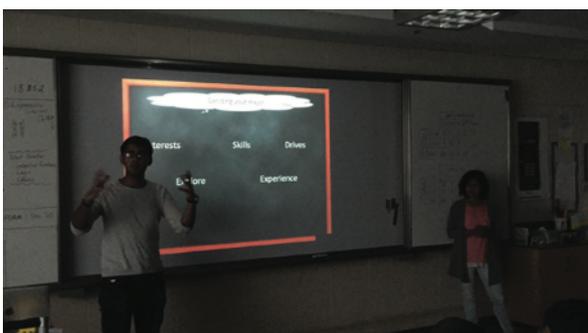
Games Night

A Games Night was organized to welcome our new members at a Coffee Shop near the Samsung Campus in Suwon. Here Sai and Jalaj are seen facing off in a rapid chess game.



Community Outreach Program with GSIS

Based on an MoU signed between IITAAK and GSIS (Gyeonggi Suwon International School), we have a monthly talk session for the students of the school on a wide range of topics. In the pictures below, Mr. Nishit and Ms. Nupur talks about choosing a major. While, Mr. Prajwal, Mr. Vishnu and Mr. Pankaj pose for a group photo with our young friends.



Summer Getaway - Han River Cruise

To enjoy the outdoors during summer, a family meet-up and cruise was organised on the Han river. The meet-up started with an early dinner (Sanket and Prajwal savoring every bit of it in the picture below), followed by a game of Housie. While Pawan, Sanket, Vishnu and Parichay smiles at the endless round of selfies while enjoying the cool breeze and the Seoul skyline. About 30 people turned up for the event (As visible below in the group photo).



DISC Task Force

The Digital India and Smart City (DISC) Task Force represents our effort to contribute to the development of India by harnessing our expertise in technical areas as well as our collective experience. As part of the TF, members of IITAAK contributed their time and ideas for solving problems faced mostly (but not just limited to) in urban areas. Drawing from wide range of experience of our members as well as a knack for creative problem solving, we narrowed down on a few ideas after extensive brain- storming for over a month. These ideas are targeted to solve problems of efficient resource utilization, effective delivery of services etc. An initial report was presented to His Excellency, the Indian Ambassador to South Korea, Mr. Vikram Doraiswami (pictured below) at the Embassy.



During the course of our preparation for presenting the final report of the task force, we received valuable feedback (pictured below) from Mr. Upendra Singh Rawat, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy here and also a member of our association. Going forward, we intend to upgrade our ideas based on the feedback from multiple channels and reach out to relevant stakeholders in India.



Forum at the Indian Embassy

The Indian Embassy currently has a forum that has been created to ensure coordination and cooperation between different groups of Indians residing in Korea. Our association is represented in the forum by Mr. Arya Chowdhury. The forum has provided a platform for members of diverse groups to come together and collaborate when needed. One such example is “India Day” that is currently being planned for 2016. Mr. Sudhakar Shah (a member of our association) is leading the necessary preparations. The vision for this event is to celebrate the essence of India by bringing together people from all the communities here in Korea for a day of joyous revelry.



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