



A FORUM FOR INDUSTRY-IIT INTERACTION, NETWORKING AND A LOT MORE

Dear IIT Alumnus,

IIT Alumni have done their alma maters and their country proud in many different ways. In a landmark survey done in 2008 that sampled over 4,000 IIT alumni from across the globe, it was found that:

1. The number of alumni from all the IITs (in 2008 the number of IITs was seven) exceeded 2,00,000. This number has now exceeded 220,000 alumni.
2. 33% were engaged in engineering; 23 % in research and academics; 18% in services; 10% were entrepreneurs; 8% were engaged in social development while others constituted 8%.
3. IIT alumni around the globe had budget responsibilities for nearly \$ 900 billion and they were responsible for creating 20 million jobs.

This is a **world-beating performance** and we believe that we as IIT Alumni have the capacity to still do more for the growth of our nation.

Bengaluru, the capital city of Karnataka, is considered to be the Silicon City of the country. The city has over 7,00,000 engineers engaged in the technology, engineering, aerospace and biotech industries - every one of these industry segments promises huge growth potential. However, Bengaluru does not have an IIT campus. What it does have is a large alumni population numbering approx. 15,000. Several senior alumni are in key positions in the industry and every one of these industry segments is looking for ways and means to engage effectively and constructively with the IIT system.

It is with a view of facilitating this meaningful and necessary interaction that the IIT Alumni Centre Bangalore (IITACB) has been established. Today, the IITACB is a vibrant society with stalwarts like NR Narayana Murthy, Nandan Nilekeni, Manohar Parrikar, Kanwal Rekhi and Vijay Kirloskar and well-known scientists like Prof. CNR Rao, Prof. MGK Menon, Prof. A. Ramachandran, Prof. P.Balaram and Prof. M.S. Ananth as our distinguished members. The Directors of all IITs are honorary members. Several IIT Alumni in faculty positions and former IIT faculty are our members. The specific goals are to create a community to promote social and professional networking among the members, act as a nodal agency for interaction between various IITs and local industry in Bengaluru, interface with the local Government on behalf of the IITs on matters of interest, and provide a platform for partnering among Industry leaders, various departments of the Government, IIT alumni, staff and students in furthering projects of local and national interest.

The IIT Council and the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) have given their approval to initiate the building of this unique Centre in Bengaluru. Further, all the older IITs – IIT Roorkee, IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur and IIT-Guwahati – have given their enthusiastic support for our proposed activities. The IITACB is now proceeding for obtaining suitable land in Bengaluru.

IITACB aims to bring together the participation of the IITs, as major stakeholders, and establish linkages with the Industry and the Government of Karnataka, thus making a difference in the growth of Karnataka. IITACB will facilitate activities such as short-term workshops and Continuing Education Programs (CEP) especially designed for the needs of the local industry. In addition, it will facilitate enhanced interaction between the IITs and the Industry for mutual benefit thus making it a win-win for all. Such interactions are expected to lead to sponsored or consultancy projects from the industry to the IITs as well as produce a large number of innovations. The IITs have a four-fold mission: teaching, research, consultancy and improving the state of technical education in the country. In each of the four activities the IITACB can play an important role through its Alumni with years of experience in a multitude of professional fields. We have begun working with MHRD and the IITs to take our efforts forward and will keep you posted on the progress.

Apart from preserving the unique culture of the IIT's, the IITACB will be the primary channel for professional and social networking for all IIT alumni. It will create a space where members can network with fellow-alum and will provide a continuous stream of intellectual stimulation in the form of talks, presentations and cultural activities on a regular basis. As the IITACB builds its own brick-and-mortar place in order to carry out the proposed activities, it will have space for holding meetings, conduct workshops and short-term courses, have a well equipped resource centre, have recreational activities, restaurant and guest rooms, similar to the India International Centre in Delhi but with an IIT focus. More details on IITACB are given in our website: <<http://www.iitacb.org>>

On behalf of the Governing Council and the members of IITACB, I would seek your support for making the centre a reality and showcase that we can make a difference in the growth of the IITs and the country. The life membership is only open to those with an IIT connection. The details of Life Membership fee and mode of payment are given in the Membership Application Form. I appeal to you to start with becoming a member and then contributing in any way possible in our proposed programmes.

To make such endeavors successful time is of essence, so I urge for an early response from you in support of this very unique initiative.

With best wishes,



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