

Exchange programme: IIT-GN set to host about a dozen Japanese students

AHMEDABAD: The Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IIT-GN) is set to host nearly a dozen Japanese students from Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (JAIST) in March. JAIST is planning to send a team of its students to IIT-GN to study and understand the latter's interdisciplinary and project-oriented curriculum. This was an outcome of a delegation of four members from JAIST that visited IIT-GN Friday to explore various ways of sharing and collaboration. President at JAIST, Tetsuo Asano said, "We are planning to send a team of students to study at IIT-GN and also look at its interdisciplinary studies. We have been receiving students from India for several years, but this will be the first time our students are going to India."

Incidentally, IIT-GN had signed an MoU with JAIST in November 2013 as part of which the two institutes agreed to explore opportunities for students and faculty exchange, cultural exchange, developing educational and scientific exchange and cooperation and such joint initiatives.

As a part of the exchange programme, a team of students from IIT-GN will also visit JAIST in March. IIT-GN Director, Sudhir K Jain, said, "The collaboration with JAIST is a great opportunity to share experience and good practices from each other in advancing our mutual interest of becoming world-class institutes. Globalisation is a key pillar of IIT Gandhinagar's educational mission in the deeply interconnected world that our graduates will enter."

JAIST currently offers post-graduate courses and research through its three schools — School of Knowledge Science, School of Information Science, School of Materials Science.