

IGNOU, Chinese varsities to share study programme

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Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is all set for a prolonged interaction and exchange with prominent Chinese universities. IGNOU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with three Chinese universities recently.

The three institutions are the Open University of Hong Kong, Human Normal University and Qingdao Technological University.

IGNOU vice-chancellor PR Ramanujan said, "We have entered into a very profitable exchange with three prominent Chinese institutes and certain areas of common interest have been identified. Naturally, following the MoU there will be a sharing of research, course material and a life-long exchange will be encouraged. Our students and faculty will also broaden their horizons by visiting China and Chinese faculty and students from these universities will be visiting our campus."

"The Chinese varsities will start a cooperative programme with IGNOU in teaching, scientific research, faculty and exchange of students, books, learning resources and magazines," Prof Ramanujan added. According to the agreement, faculty from IGNOU can teach in the Chinese universities under an exchange programme and vice-versa.

Under this arrangement, development and sharing of course material, research and services for life long learning shall be a major area of mutual work among IGNOU and the partner universities. The universities will start a cooperative programme with IGNOU in teaching, scientific research, faculty and student exchange.

The universities may accept professors from both the institutes as exchange of teachers to teach in their universities for the period mutually agreed upon. They may accept self-financed students from IGNOU to study the Chinese language, culture, history, fine arts and other related subjects.