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UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON DELEGATION VISIT GNDU FOR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

Amritsar, Feb. 14 (Punjab Post Bureau) - Vice-Chancellor Professor Geoff Layer, University of Wolverhampton,



one of the UK's leading varsities led the high-level delegation to Guru Nanak Dev University to build strong academic relations with the University. Professor Layer along with Dr Opinderjit Takhar Director of Centre for Sikh and Punjabi studies in the UK met the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr.Jaspal Singh Sandhu and other senior officials during their one day visit to the university. On reaching the campus, Prof. Geoff and Dr Opinderjeet Takhar were warmly received and welcomed by Vice-Chancellor. On the occasion, Prof. Hardeep Singh, Prof. K. S. Kahlon and other senior officials from the university were also present. Commenting on the partnership Prof. Dr Jaspal Singh Sandhu said, "It's a proud moment for us to collaborate with the University of Wolverhampton... Our university has been a leading "Category-I" university in India, and the University of Wolverhampton is a perfect match for us to increase our global presence. He said that with India being projected to become an economic superpower in the next couple of decades owing to its rich demographic dividend, the requirement of quality education provider in India is also on a tremendous rise. Prof. Sandhu said that with this in mind, University has also been constantly updating and improving its offering to the youth of the country with quality education and ever-changing industry requirement being the basics. The tie-up with the University of Wolverhampton is another milestone which University has achieved on its journey to become the torch bearer for Skill India mission, he added. Prof Geoff Layer, Vice-chancellor at the University of Wolverhampton, said: "India is one of our region's biggest global partners and this agreement will further strengthen our ties with the country. We've had a significant presence in India for many years and, during this time, we've hosted a considerable number of students who have chosen to study at one of our campuses. He said that this partnership will focus on developing new business whilst enhancing the student and staff experience with exchange trips and research collaboration."He said that we are happy to sign MoU with Guru Nanak Dev University. We look forward to a long and fruitful collaboration with different departments of Guru Nanak Dev University, which is among the best universities in India with a high research focus and diverse academic programs. Prof Geoff Layer also applauded the efforts of University-Industry cell of GNDU. Dr Opinderjit said the University of Wolverhampton is going to take the year-long celebration commemorating Guru Nanak Dev's 550th birthday to the entire world and invited GNDU to be a partner for the same. She further said that "Interfaith Centre" for the celebrations of the 550th birthday of Guru Nanak Dev will be set up at Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU). Besides, chairs of Guru Nanak Dev will be created in foreign universities. The centre will have a division of Guru Granth Sahib Languages. Divisions of Gurbani sangeet, comparative religions, travels of Guru Nanak Dev, Sikh archives, division of theology and symphony of religious music and convention centre will be part of the interfaith centre. Speaking on the occasion Dr Takhar said, "The centre has a broad horizon and university is already promoting religious studies at the Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak Dev University," she added.

According to Dr Bedi said that The University of Wolverhampton, one of the leading British varsities, is keen to work with us to upgrade education standards, create opportunities, build and strengthen business innovation. As our University already working with key international partners, the University of Wolverhampton is ready to play a leading role in this agenda.

He said that the MoU will cover the scope of interaction among members of faculty relating to joint research projects, visits for such purposes and when necessary, joint applications for research funding from external funding agencies, Dr Bedi said. The two institutions will also explore the possibilities of collaborative Master's programm. It was also agreed that officials from both sides will hold further discussions to develop the early draft framework of Indo-UK education partnership. The University of Wolverhampton has been providing quality education for the past 180 years and with this partnership, we now hope to bring these internationally acclaimed and accepted programs to our Campus. This collaboration would give our local community access to global education, thereby giving them opportunities to compete worldwide." The University of Wolverhampton has been providing students with the opportunities presented by a first-class education for years. With over 500 courses to choose from delivered across our 18 Schools and Institutes the University of Wolverhampton's attractive offering to students from around the world includes 96% graduate employability, teaching informed by world-leading research, strong

business links, and state-of-the-art facilities.

Wolverhampton delegates at GNDU

AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 14

A delegation from the University of Wolverhampton visited Guru Nanak Dev University on Thursday.

The delegation led by Vice-Chancellor Geoff Layer, University of Wolverhampton, along with Dr Opinderjit Takhar, Director of Centre for Sikh and Punjabi Studies in

the UK met. Vice Chancellor Dr Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Prof Hardeep Singh, Prof KS Kahlon and other senior officials. They have joined hands for research work.

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Wolverhampton university delegation visits GNDU

AMRITSAR: Professor Geoff Layer, VC University of Wolverhampton, led a delegation to Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), here in the city on Thursday. Professor Layer, along with Opinderjit Takhar, director of Centre for Sikh and Punjabi studies in the UK met the GNDU VC Jaspal Singh Sandhu and other senior officials during their visit to the university. Commenting on the partnership, GNDU VC said, "It's a proud moment for us to collaborate with the University of Wolverhampton. Our university has been a leading "Category-I" university in India, and the University of Wolverhampton is a perfect match."



