

First Symposium on Higher Education of Odisha – Challenges & Opportunity - 2012 was hosted in Seattle, Washington on July 5, during Odisha Society of Americas (OSA) annual convention as a part of pre-convention symposium with a primary objective to bring together key stake holders from Odisha higher education sector/universities and US university representatives to:

- Enable networking and foster personal relationship among stake holders for mutual benefit of higher education program in Odisha & US universities
- Establish specific student/faculty exchange program between universities in US & Odisha – undergraduate and graduate programs
- Future visit by US universities to Odisha to attract students for higher studies in US and set up study abroad programs
- MoU & tangible next steps between Odisha & US universities for collaborative research, joint study program etc. for mutual benefit
- Digital infrastructure to support collaborative mechanisms – role of OSA

Invited Speakers/Organizations:

Mr. Malay Mishra (High Commissioner of India to Trinidad & Tobago, Govt. of India): *Growth & Plan of Higher Education Development in India - Private/Public/Govt. sector engagement*

Mr. Baijayant (Jay) Panda (Member of Parliament, Govt. of India): *Why Odisha is a higher education hub for collaboration?*

Prof. Baishnab Tripathy (Vice Chancellor, Ravenshaw University, Odisha): *Higher Education Institutes/Faculty/Student of Odisha - Potential for North America University Collaboration*

Mr. Michael K. McCawley, Director of Admissions & Mr. Jim Moore, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies (University of California, Santa Cruz, CA): *Overview of UC Santacruz undergraduate and graduate programs, ideas for partnerships with Odisha colleges/universities*

Dr. Jeet Joshee (Associate Vice President, International Education, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), CA): *Overview of CSULB undergraduate and graduate programs, collaborative experiences with Indian universities, and ideas for partnerships with Odisha colleges/universities*

Dr. Tugrul Daim (Engineering & Technology Management, Portland State University, Portland, OR): *Collaboration/partnership opportunities with India/Odisha Universities*

