

April 2021 Universities meeting

The life is gradually coming to normal, with occasional lockdowns/restrictions, in Victoria. The Consulate could not engage with any face to face interaction with the Universities for the entire year of 2020. Seizing the opportunity, Mr. Raj Kumar, Consul General along with Mrs. Anuradha Sundaramurthy and Girish Singh Kavia, set on a series of meetings with several Universities based in Victoria to discuss about collaborations the Universities have with the Indian institutions, problems faced by the Indian international students in the Covid – era, possibility of allowing students stuck in India to travel to Australia, holding of events commemorating India@75 and exploring the possibility of signing of MOU with Ministry of AYUSH for promotion of Ayurveda.

The Interaction with Pro Vice chancellors across various Universities were very engaging as the discussion were very informative in sharing their commitment offered to the International students provided by the University. Universities were looking forward for Industry connections, eager to organise collaborative events and looking forward to collaborate with in India for research programs.

Below is a list of Universities visited along with details of representatives met.

1) La Trobe University

Representatives met : Dr Stacey Faraway – Pro Vice Chancellor (International)



2) Deakin University

Representatives met :

- Prof Gary Smith - Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)
- John Molony - Pro Vice-Chancellor (International)
- Prof Bas Baskaran - Pro Vice Chancellor - International Research Partnerships/ Associate Dean (International), Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment



3) Federation University

Representatives met :

- Ms Carolyn Chong - Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Global and Engagement
- Associate Professor Jason Giri - Dean, International.



4) Australian Catholic University

Representatives met :

- Mr. Chris Riley – Pro Vice Chancellor, Global and Education Pathways.



5) Swinburne University

Representatives met :

- Dr. Andrew J. Smith – Deputy Vice Chancellor, Global & Community Engagement
- Mr. Jogvan Klein – Pro Vice Chancellor (Global Engagement)
- Prof. Ajay Kapoor – Swinburne University



6) RMIT University

Representatives met:

- Prof Peter Coloe – Deputy Vice Chancellor Global Development & Vice President

