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**Subject: Invitation to Participate in Bharat-Sri Lanka Higher Education Summit, 2025, from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 in Columbo, Sri Lanka**

Dear Vice Chancellor,

Greetings from AIU!

As you are aware, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes the internationalization of Higher Education in India with a vision to position India as a global hub for quality and affordable education. By promoting initiatives like attracting international students, fostering research and teaching collaborations, and establishing faculty and student exchange programs, NEP 2020 seeks to create a robust global academic environment and advance 'internationalization at home'.

In alignment with these objectives, AIU has been actively organizing international summits to foster collaboration and partnerships with universities worldwide.

*Bharat-Nepal Higher Education Summit (15-17 February 2024, Kathmandu University, Nepal)*, inaugurated by the Honorable Prime Minister of Nepal, witnessed the active participation of 45 Indian universities and academic leaders from 12 countries, including Bhutan, China, South Korea, Australia, and the UK. It engaged 2,000+ students and laid the groundwork for impactful collaborations in education and research.

*Namaste Vietnam – Bharat Vietnam Higher Education Summit (24-26 August 2024, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam)* which was organized in collaboration with the Consulate General of India, brought together 50 Indian and Vietnamese universities and attracted 400+ Vietnamese students. It facilitated meaningful partnerships and long-term academic collaborations, creating opportunities for student recruitment and research innovation.

Given the overwhelming response of universities and resounding success of these summits, AIU is now delighted to announce the upcoming **Bharat-Sri Lanka Higher Education Summit**, scheduled for **28-29 January 2025** at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka to advance the internationalization of higher education and strengthen academic and research collaborations between Indian and Sri Lankan universities.

### Why Participate

The Summit will be attended by a large number of students from various universities in Sri Lanka. The Summit will feature keynote addresses, panel discussions, and networking sessions. The Summit will bring together leaders, academicians, faculties, and students from various educational and industrial sectors, fostering meaningful discussions and collaborations.

The Summit will provide a unique platform to engage with other institutions, discuss research collaborations, explore faculty/student exchange programs, establish twinning programs or joint/dual degrees and attract foreign students to study in your university.

**Accommodation and Meals:** The participation fee includes one double room for a 3-night stay (check-in on 27.01.2025 and check-out on 30.01.2025) at a good hotel near the venue. Additionally, lunch and tea with snacks will be provided each day during the Summit. The package also includes local sightseeing offering a chance to explore the rich cultural and scenic beauty of Colombo and its surroundings.

**Display Space:** Each participating university will be provided with display space having 1 table, 4 chairs, and a backdrop with university's logo and name, to showcase the strengths and offerings of the university.

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**Additional Participants:** If desired, additional persons from your university can join the Summit at their own cost, broadening the engagement and participation from your institution. The details of additional persons may be informed directly to *Shri Kuldeep Dagar* (Email: [ds\\_international@aiu.ac.in](mailto:ds_international@aiu.ac.in), Mobile number: 7011149558).

**Promotional Material:** You are requested to bring your own promotional material regarding your university for showcasing at the allotted display space.

#### Participation Fee

The participation fee of INR 90,000/- only, is an inclusive package covering participation & three-night accommodation (double occupancy). We believe this fee offers great value for the comprehensive benefits provided to your university.

#### Registration

To confirm your participation, please visit the INIHE Website (<https://www.inihe.aiu.ac.in/>) for online registration. Details regarding the payment will be communicated to you after your confirmation. The **last date** for registration is **20.12.2024**.

As there is a capacity constraints and only limited number of participants could be accommodated, you are requested to confirm your participation at the earliest. The participation in the delegation shall be decided on the first-come, first-served basis.

We sincerely hope your university will join us at this exciting event. Together, we can build stronger academic ties between India and Sri Lanka.

For any further inquiries or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact *Shri Kuldeep Dagar, Joint Secretary, AIU* (Email: [ds\\_international@aiu.ac.in](mailto:ds_international@aiu.ac.in) Mobile number: 7011149558).

We look forward to welcoming your university at the Summit.

Warm regards,

Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal

To

The Vice Chancellors of Universities in India