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Dear Sir / Madam,

Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) Programme

I would like to draw your attention to an initiative of the Ministry of Human and Resource Development of the Government of India. Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) in Higher Education was launched on 30th November, 2015. The programme seeks to invite distinguished academicians, entrepreneurs, scientists, experts from premier institutions from across the world, to teach in the higher educational institutions in India. The Scheme envisages garnering the best international experience into our systems of education, enabling interaction of students and faculty with the best academic and industry experts from all over the world.

2. Under this programme the international faculty would conduct one to two week course at an Indian institution. The upper limit of overall expenditure allowed for each such course is US \$ 8000 for 12-14 hours and US \$12000 for 20-28 hours course.

3. A GIAN Implementation Committee headed by Secretary (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and 13 Sectional Committees for 13 different disciplines (the disciplines are mentioned in the bottom of the website under Area/Section) have been constituted to finalize and approve various courses and also to decide on budget allocation. Till date 781 courses have been approved by the Apex Committee. Out of these 781 courses, 16 are by faculty from Japan. Nearly 380 courses have already been organized. Out of 380 courses so far conducted, 7 courses were organized by faculty from Japan.

4. Collaboration with over 38 countries is going on to attract the best international talent. All courses were video recorded and some of them were also live webcasted depending on the available infrastructure and consent of the foreign faculty. This enables others to view the content later through the local and national GIAN portal and the National Digital Library. Student/participants registration facility is opened in the GIAN portal for the students from all over India to register for the courses and more than 2200 students have already registered for the GIAN courses on the portal.

5. Further information is available at www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in. Interested faculty may send their proposal by following instructions at the link "Proposal Submission" on the website main page. The last date for submission of GIAN proposal is 28 February, 2017.

6. We would like to encourage as many Japanese faculty to participate in this GIAN Programme, which will foster academic and people-to-people exchange between India and Japan.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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