

Australian Researcher Promotes Collaboration with Sports Education

Mumbai, 23 June 2011.- An eminent researcher from Australia specialising in Sports & Sports Education is visiting India between June 20 to 24, 2011 under The Australian Trade Commission's "Australian Visiting Researcher Program.

The Australian Visiting Researcher Program, an initiative of the Australian Trade Commission, will showcase innovative Australian research and world-class education, and explore opportunities to collaborate with India in the field of Sport. The program is co-funded by the Australian Trade Commission and Australian Education International (AEI) in New Delhi.

Professor Pamm Kellett from Deakin University in Melbourne will undertake a range of meetings and lectures with sporting academies & associations; educational institutions, schools and corporates in India that includes Sports Authority of India (SAI), New Delhi; Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education & Sports Sciences (IGIPSS), New Delhi; Amity School of Physical Education and Sports Science, New Delhi; Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports (NSNIS), Patiala; Cricket India Academy, Mumbai which runs Cricket Australia designed Cricket Education Program for India.

The program will highlight opportunities for postgraduate education in Australia in the areas of Sports Management, Sports Science, Sports Technology, Coaching and Youth Development. Dr Kellett will discuss future collaboration with Indian academics, and meet with the media and relevant public and private organisations involved in sport from the grass-roots through to the elite level.

As part of the program, a Seminar on "Sports Management as a Career" is being organised by the Australian Trade Commission and Sports Education Development India Ltd on June 23, 2011 at the G D Somani Memorial School, Mumbai.

Speaking about the Seminar in Mumbai, Mr Martin Gleeson, Chief Executive Officer, Sports Education Development India Ltd said,

"Sport is a rapidly developing industry in India and alongside the professionalism on field there is also a growing need for qualified sports management professionals to effectively administer sporting associations, events and sports programs. At Sports Education Development India we recognize this trend and not only seek to promote quality coaching programs but also a basis to develop knowledge for the next generation to be leaders and role models".

Australia is well renowned for its prowess in sport, consistently finishing amongst the top nations in major events such as the Olympics and Cricket, Rugby and Football World Cups, as well as excelling in various other sports on the global stage. This success is underpinned by sophisticated expertise and research in talent identification, junior athlete development, sports management, coaching, science and technology.

Australian institutions have around 3400 academic/research collaboration agreements with partner institutions in other countries. By partnering with peers in more than 110 countries, Australian researchers tap into the benefits that international collaborations offer. These collaborations and the networks they create, give postgraduate researchers access to international resources and facilities, the latest developments in their field of specialisation and the opportunity to build career-shaping relationships. The Visiting Researcher Program will create awareness in India of the progress in Australian research and innovation in Sport and support the development of Sport in both countries.