



Press Release

Massachusetts Institute of Technology program comes to Lavasa

Honorable Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Praful Patel inaugurates the first MIT professional workshop at Lavasa

Lavasa, January 11, 2010: Lavasa and The Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Office of Professional Education (MIT PE) are collaborating for the first time to present an Executive Program in Airport and Airlines Systems. A three day workshop on planning, design & management of Airport and Airlines Systems began today in Lavasa at the Dasvino Town and Country Club. Lavasa is free India's first Hill City being developed by Lavasa Corporation Ltd, a part of HCC Group.

Speaking on the occasion, Honourable Union Minister for Civil Aviation, **Mr. Praful Patel** said "Lavasa city is emerging as an education hub in the country and is poised to provide multiple learning opportunities. This collaboration with MIT comes at an opportune moment as giant strides made by India, in areas of science and technology has produced a critical mass of talented resource pool in India. Such specialised initiatives are critical in providing a positive direction to the human resource capital of India"

Mr. Ajit Gulabchand, Chairman, Lavasa Corporation said, "This initiative reiterates our mission to become a destination of choice for universities, leading institutions, think tanks and for skill development, research and academia. The aim is to make Lavasa a city of life-long learning with a strong value proposition for residents and institutions alike, combining some of the best names in academia."

"While India is keen to apply global best practices in its aviation industry boom, we are pleased to facilitate MIT's contribution by offering our first ever course for industry professionals in India at Lavasa," said **Mr. Bhaskar Pant**, Executive Director of MIT Professional Education. "With this significant beginning, we hope to bring more MIT professional courses in transportation to India, as well as in other national priority areas such as energy and the environment."

The MIT workshop focuses on the intimately connected issues of airport and airline development and is been specifically designed to cover the issues that are increasingly relevant to a rapidly changing Indian aviation industry. It will address the ramifications of fluctuating levels of traffic, the growth of private sector airlines and airports as well as the intricacies and implications of government regulations. In particular the program will delve into the issues associated with the planning, design and development of airport infrastructure and airline services in the face of uncertainties and change. The course will also cover the various aspects of air traffic control, airport capacity, the fundamentals of airline economics, planning & operations, the design of terminals, forecasting of traffic as well as emerging trends in airport development and airline industry performance.

In the education space, Lavasa has already signed up the University of Oxford to develop executive education facilities in India and Girls' Day School Trust (GDST), UK, to provide expertise for a residential IB school (over 60% of their students go on to Oxford and Cambridge each year) starting in 2009. Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL), Switzerland is bringing in their famed hospitality school that has started their first batch this year.



Symbiosis, Pune and Christ University, Bangalore, both deemed universities, are also setting up campuses in Lavasa. NSHM – Knowledge Campus will set up India's first Retail, Media & Thinking Management University at Lavasa. Christel House Foundation will set up a world class school for the less privileged at Lavasa. Institute of International Business Relations (IBR), the premier business school in Germany, Austria and Switzerland and a part of the University of Berlin, is also setting up its campus at Lavasa.

About Lavasa

Lavasa is free India's first hill city being developed by HCC (Hindustan Construction Company) where people can Live, Work, Learn and Play in harmony with nature. An inclusive city, based on the principles of New Urbanism, it is fast being developed over 12,500 acres of land, 3 hours' drive from Mumbai and 1 hour from Pune. Lavasa will host a complement of global leaders in hospitality, tourism, education, healthcare, business research and industry. The hill city provides contemporary yet timeless architectural designs, multiple options for housing like rental housing, starter homes, apartments and villas. With state of the art infrastructure and amenities it will thus enable people to live life in full. For more information, visit www.lavasa.com.

About MIT Professional Education

MIT Professional Education is the gateway to lifelong learning from the globally-renowned faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Under the umbrella of the School of Engineering, MIT Professional Education provides science and engineering professionals from around the world a range of programs that offer advanced academic study, skills for career reentry or retooling, and more than forty intensive short courses, some offered in international locations. In addition, MIT Professional Education offers customized programs for a diverse set of global corporate clients. MIT Professional Education brings MIT to the world.

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