

Visit of Dr. Albert Schram, Hon. Vice Chancellor, P.N.G. University of Technology, Papua New Guinea to AAU, Anand

Dr. Albert Schram, Hon. Vice Chancellor and Dr. S. Gopalkrishnan, Professor, P.N.G. University of Technology, Papua New Guinea visited Anand Agricultural University, Anand on 12th January 2018. He had an interaction meeting with the Hon. Vice Chancellor Dr. N.C. Patel, Director of Research and Dean Post Graduate Studies Dr. K.B. Kathiria, the University Officers of AAU and all the Deans (at Anand campus) which was followed by discussion on various areas of mutual interest between P.N.G. University of Technology, Papua New Guinea and AAU, Anand. Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon. Vice Chancellor, AAU, in his opening remarks, welcomed Dr. Albert Schram and asked the University officers to consider the meet as an opportunity to explore the possibilities of collaborative activities between the two universities. Dr. Albert Schram had earlier visited AAU, Anand in December 2015 and therefore was well acquainted with the activities being undertaken at AAU. Dr. Albert Schram, while interacting with the University officers, also made a brief presentation and highlighted various activities being carried out at the P.N.G. University of Technology, Papua New Guinea including the potential areas of mutual interest.

Dr. Albert Schram appreciated the achievements made by AAU and observed high possibility of taking up activities of mutual interest through MoU in broad areas of students and faculty exchange programme and research. He was highly appreciative of the current policy environment of India and felt that such liberal policy regime can go a long way in solving the pernicious problems of unemployment and poverty. Dr. K.B. Kathiria, Director of Research and Dean PG Studies, AAU suggested to

explore possibility for germplasm exchange of different crops between the two Universities. Dr. Albert Schram's major focus was on the students and faculty exchange programme or some research projects which can help addressing the problem of unemployment in his country. Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon. Vice Chancellor, AAU, proposed the idea of making some sincere collaborative efforts with regards to students and faculty exchange programmes and research projects between FAMU, USA; P.N.G. University of Technology, Papua New Guinea and AAU, Anand. The idea was appreciated by Dr. Albert Schram and Dr. O.S. Mbuya, Director, Florida Climate Institute, FAMU, USA, who was also present in the interaction meeting, and officers of AAU. Dr. Albert Schram and Dr. Gopalkrishnan also visited experiential learning facility and food quality testing laboratory at college of Food Processing Technology and Bio Energy and observed that the facilities were at par to that of best at global level.



