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## *Brief report on the first meet of GTU Alumni Association*

The first Alumni Meet of Gujarat Technological University was organized in GTU Chandkheda campus. The entire event was anchored by Ms. Neha Mehta and Mr. Mohak Vora. After the invocation, the Honorable guests were introduced by them. They all were welcomed by the flowers as flowers speak the language of love and honor.

The dias was honoured by:

1. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Honourable Vice Chancellor, GTU
2. Mrs. Shakuntala Aggarwal Madam
3. Prof. Dr. M. N. Patel, Principal – LDCE, Member Secretary – ACPC and Director – GTU
4. Prof. Dr. K.N. Sheth, Director – SSES and Dean – GTU
5. Dr. Charles Savage – President and Mentor of Knowledge Era Enterprises, Inc. Germany, Hon'ble invited guest of GTUAA
6. Prof. Dr. Friedrich Augenstein - Head of Department, Business Administration, DHBW Stuttgart, German, Hon'ble invited guest of GTUAA
7. Dr. Ramesh Shah - DHBW University, Germany, Hon'ble invited guest of GTUAA



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Prof. Dr. K. N. Sheth was requested to address the august audience of the evening of first meet. Dr. K. N. Sheth in his opening address welcomed all present over there in his poetic style and brought energy and enthusiasm in the environment. He said that the tour of constituting the GTU Alumni Association from 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 to 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 was fantastic. He said that most of the GTU passouts were overwhelmed to see the GTU Alumni Association being set up. He said that the dream of forming GTU Alumni Association has come true.



Dr. Sheth in his address said that all the alumni of GTU are indebted to Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor who desired to form the Alumni Association for the better future of GTU and the community. Dr. Sheth, then, said, "8<sup>th</sup> February every year will be celebrated always with the name of great visionary, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal who is founder President of GTU Alumni Association." All the members then gave him standing ovation and big round of applause.

Dr. Sheth then congratulated the core members of the alumni association especially Dr. Rupesh Vasani, Dr. Vikram Patel and Dr. S. O. Junare. He said that, "*beginning is always difficult*" but the University has planted the seeds by establishing this association and generation to come will get fruits from this association. Dr. Sheth then discussed the vision, mission, the objectives and the benefits of the GTUAA. At the end, Dr. Sheth said that, we must inculcate among the alumni the ideologies of Dr. Akshai Aggarwal Sir.



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Dr. M. N. Patel, Director of GTU and now Vice President of GTUAA in his address sincerely appreciated the herculean efforts made by Dr. K. N. Sheth in the span of two months in establishing GTUAA.



Dr. M. N. Patel said that beginning of any activity is always difficult, however, Dr. Sheth with his enthusiastic positive attitude formed GTU Alumni Association and gathered almost more than 300 members in the first meet. He, then, explained that GTU will provide a platform for all the alumni to interact among themselves, institutes and university and help engaging in furtherance of academic matters of science and technology. He said that this is going to be very helpful to the community as a whole and the association will keep alive love, spirit, affection and gratitude for Alma maters. At the end, he concluded his address by wishing a great success for the future of the association.

Dr. Friedrich Augenstein initially congratulated the Vice Chancellor – Dr. Akshai Aggarwal and Dean – Dr. K. N. Sheth for celebrating the first meet of GTUAA. Dr. Friedrich of University of Stuttgart stated in his address that the Interdisciplinary network of the University of Stuttgart has been joining the students and alumni, scientists and partners from economy as well as friends. All of them have been giving valuable impulses and contribute to the innovative power.



He said that the alumni network is dynamic network. According to him, “Alumnus provides a forum for the members to maintain valuable contacts broaden the personal

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network.” He, then, gave many examples and explained that the members have variety of opportunities to come in contact as a member of Alumni of GTU and keep in touch with their Alma mater and former fellow students.

Out of many reasons for becoming member Dr. Augenstein stated that following are most important reasons for joining Alumni Association:

1. Admission to the alumni database for free.
2. Invitations special events like first meet of the GTU
3. Support of GTUAA members when they wish to contact former fellow students and professors.

At the end, he wished all the best for GTU Alumni Association

Dr. Charles Savage, a President and a Mentor of Knowledge Era Enterprises Inc. Germany said in his address that he has been working with many companies to discover the tremendous human potential of knowledge that they possess. He said that he is an alumnus of Boston College from where he received his Doctoral degree. He was sponsored by US department of Labour. He has been focusing on, “Work and Meaning”.



Dr. Charles Savage expected that GTUAA should train the students what is right – through University education system. According to Dr. Charles Savage reconnecting the roots of our religious and appreciating the faith of others is the only way to develop deep wisdom about right and wrong. GTUAA with good governance system help in building GTU a world class University. It is possible for us to see GTU alumni getting scholarships from GTUAA. He expressed his views that industrialist Alumni of GTUAA will interact and offer jobs to his or her alumni.

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At the end, he wished all the best to our association.

Dr. Ramesh Shah, stated that though he has been in Germany since more than 35 years he still loves his school, college and the University from where he received the formal education and he still is active alumni of his university. He said that it is always beneficial to join alumni association as you get all the past and present contacts of your colleagues for free.



At the end, he congratulated Dr. Akshai Aggarwal for establishing the GTU Alumni Association.

Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Honorable Vice Chancellor, GTU and President of GTU Alumni Association expressed his happiness on the first meet of GTUAA and categorically stated that the Alumni Association of any institute or university is made to empower the new graduates through creating live networking among alumni.



An alumni walking in Germany should be in the network among the alumni and all such alumni through the alumni association can strengthen the bonds between them and their Alma mater and it will bring the alumni on a common platform. He congratulated all the alumni who have joined to serve the GTUAA and Dr. Sheth for his efforts in strengthening the ties between the alumni.

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In his address, he had given illustration of Stanford Alumni. He said that Stanford Alumnae have created 39,900 companies and they have been able to generate 5.4 million jobs. Together it amounts to annual world revenue \$2.7 Trillion. He said that a Chinese university of technology has opened 29 industrial training centers right inside the major industries due to efforts of the university alumnae. By such illustrations, he expressed his expectation for GTUAA to be worldwide. He desired that GTUAA should establish regional and international chapters wherein new graduates are nurtured by alumnae walking at different places of the world by strong networking among the alumnae.

He said that 8<sup>th</sup> February shall be considered as foundation day of GTUAA. At the end, he wished that more and more alumnae join and celebrate the foundation day worldwide.

The Vote of thanks was given by Core member of GTUAA Dr. Rupesh Vasani.



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