## Great Lakes signs MoU with Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST)

Great Lakes Institute of Management has signed a MoU with the School of Business and Management, the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST) whose Executive MBA program was ranked #2 globally by FT in 2015. The MoU was signed by Dr. Bala V Balachandran - Founder, Dean and Chairman, Great Lakes Institute of Management and Dr. Jitendra Singh – Dean, School of Business and Management, the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology at HKUST's campus in the presence of faculty and members of the institute.



The purpose of this MoU is to make possible and to institute academic exchange between Great Lakes and the HKUST Business School. Through this co-operative program, both the institutes will now be able to exchange faculty, graduate management students and research scholars. The MoU also facilitates joint research activities that could eventually lead to a Ph.D program besides organizing international conferences jointly. Immediate possibility foreseen is HKUST's

Executive MBA students doing one residency at Great Lakes along with Great Lakes PGXPM participants. Another area of mutual interest envisaged would be internship and placement opportunities for Great Lakes students in Hong Kong and vice versa.

Signing the MoU, Dr. Bala V Balachandran said, "Great Lakes has always emphasized on its credo – Global Mindset Indian Roots and such collaborations are a way of expanding our horizons globally. I am happy that we have collaborated with HKUST where the culture paves a way for an open environment and an atmosphere conducive to the exchange of knowledge and innovative ideas among students, research scholars and faculty." Besides the exchange programs, I



am positive that Great Lakes and HKUST will work towards newer initiatives in the future with a strong focus on research, he added.



## **About HKUST:**

Founded in 1991, HKUST is an international research university with strong ties to global thought leaders, whilst having wide-ranging connections with Mainland China. It promotes interdisciplinary studies, dedicated to educating well-rounded students to acquire a strong entrepreneurial spirit and innovative thinking. A 60 hectares campus, the University is housed in a hillside and waterfront complex overlooking the Clear Water Bay peninsula. Within the short span of two decades, HKUST has rapidly risen in the global academic arena and has been ranked Asia's number one in the QS University Rankings in 2013 and QS Top 50 Universities Under 50. HKUST's Executive MBA program was ranked # 2 by FT in 2015.