

# University Recognition Forum

The British School, New Delhi, India

Sunday - Monday, 7 – 8 March 2010

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**WORKSHOP DETAILS**

**Programme Schedule**

This is a 1½ day information session on college and university recognition of the Diploma Programme.

Sunday 7 March 2010	University Forum with presentations from 9 - 4pm. Lunch and two tea breaks are provided.
Monday 8 March 2010	A ½ day session on questions & answers, India university recognition from 9 -12pm, inclusive of a morning tea break.

**Prerequisites**

This event is open to all career counsellors and coordinators from IB authorized / candidate schools.

**Forum Fee (USD250) includes:-**

- Refreshment breaks and lunches
  - *Catering would be no pork no lard only*
  - *Vegetarian food will be available*
- Forum materials

\*\* Fee **excludes** cost of travel and hotel accommodation.

Standard Registration  
Fees:

**USD250**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES**  
**6 February 2010**

**VENUE DETAILS**

**Workshop Venue**

**The British School**

Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110021, India  
Tel: +91 11 2410 2183, 2467 8524  
Website: <http://www.british-school.org/>

**Entry Visa**

All foreign nationals are required to apply for entry visa to India. Please check with your travel agent or visit the following website for more information.

<http://passport.nic.in/visrules.htm>

[http://www.india-tourism.com/en\\_passvisa.0.html](http://www.india-tourism.com/en_passvisa.0.html)

Contact us at [ibapevents@ibo.org](mailto:ibapevents@ibo.org) if an invitation letter is required from the organiser.

**Air Transportation**

Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) is situated in the southwestern corner of Delhi and serves for domestic and international connections.

**Airport Departure Tax**

This should be included in your airline ticket. Please check with your travel agent.

**Airport Transfer**

This should be included in the room rate if you book your room with our recommended travel agent Sun Tours.

If you book a room on your own, the easiest and safest way to get from the airport to the city is to arrange transport ahead of time through your hotel (some hotels provide this service complimentary).

Alternatively, you can pay for a taxi at the prepaid taxi booths in the international terminal (it is advised that you check your change). The pre-paid booths are visible as soon as you exit customs. Keep an eye on your change though and try to avoid paying with large bills. Do not give the receipt to the driver until you get to the destination as this is what they are paid on.

### Ground Transportation

**Taxis** – Most Delhi taxis are old but reliable Ambassadors in distinctive black-and-yellow livery. While all are equipped with meters, they are often rigged and it's better to agree on the price in advance. Note that most Ambassadors are not air-conditioned.

You shouldn't take non-official taxis, sometimes they take you to a wrong hotel, or to a "tourist information center", and try to sell you overpriced things.

### Accommodation Options

**Workshop participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation.**

Please book early – The rates quoted below are subject to room availability at the time of booking and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

### Transportation From Hotel to Forum Venue & Vice Versa

Buses will be provided between the recommended hotels and school. The exact bus schedule will be provided at a later date.

**Do note that you need to book using the hotel booking form provided to qualify for the bus transfer. This is the only way our official travel agent can record the numbers of seats needed. If you book via your own travel agent, the booking will not be captured under "IB listing".**

**Similarly, if you book at nearby hotel(s), you are NOT allowed to board these buses.**

Hotels	Rates per room per night	Contacts

### General Information

For more information on New Delhi, visit:

<http://www.incredibleindia.org/>

<http://www.delhitourism.nic.in/>

<http://www.delhiandtajmahal.com/delhi-tourism.html>

### Weather

The shoulder seasons (Feb-Apr and Sep-Nov) are pleasant, with temperatures in the 20-30°C range.

### Exchange Rate

Exchange rate fluctuates, do refer to [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for updates.

American, Citibank, Master Charge Visa and Diners Club credit cards are generally accepted by large establishments including hotels, shops and airlines.

### **Safety**

Many first time travelers to India find themselves falling victim to scams and touts. Be on guard for anybody trying to help you by giving you unsolicited directions or travel advice, and take any advice from taxi and auto drivers with a grain of salt, especially if they tell you the place you want to go to is closed, dangerous, etc. If this is your first time to India do not admit it, as this will make you a mark for the scam artists.

Carry your cash, passport, and cards in a secure money belt, with only enough cash for a few hours at a time in your wallet or other accessible place. As a general rule, expect anyone handling your cash in Delhi to attempt to shortchange you; you may be favorably surprised once or twice during your visit. Learn the currency, count out your change carefully, and be insistent in any dispute.

It is strongly recommended that visitors contact their foreign office for the latest travel advice before travelling to India.

### **Tipping**

Tipping is common for porters in hotels as also the stewards and bearers and tourist guides, though it is not the practice with taxi and auto drivers and other means of transport within the city. The standard amount in hotels and restaurants is 10% of the total bill.

### **Food & Drink**

Tap water in Delhi is completely and totally unsafe — do not even wash your teeth with it. Better restaurants will use purified water, but at cheaper ones you're better off sticking to the bottled stuff and avoiding the usual culprits (leafy vegetables, ice, etc). Always check seals on bottled water carefully.

Delhi offers a choice of Indian and international cuisines in different ambiances to suit varied budgets. A delightful outlet offering a range of Indian cuisines are the food stalls at Dilli Haat. Here, the cuisine of different states is made available at very moderate rates. Set in the midst of a spacious crafts bazaar these cafes are a very pleasant place to enjoy food.

For the more intrepid, eateries such as those at Pranthewali Gali, or chaat at Bengali Market and Sunder Nagar, bhelpuri at Greater Kailash can be part of the gastronomic tour of Delhi.

Delhi is also synonymous with the omnipresent tandoori chicken and tandoori roti, which, when freshly had from the tandoor, makes a delicious meal.

### **Shopping**

Delhi is a shopper's haven, but only if you're not afraid to haggle and bump elbows in bazaars. Start your shopping tour of Delhi with a visit to **Connaught Place**, a rather unique cross between a European shopping arcade, an Indian bazaar and an upmarket shopping mall.

**Cottage Emporium:** located near **Connaught Place**, is the main government-run location for selling handicrafts from all over the country. The prices are a little more than what you'd find if you went bargain hunting, but you can shop in air-conditioned comfort, all the sales people will know English, and the quality of items is quite good. You can pay with credit cards.

**Ansal Plaza:** A mall and favourite shopping haunt for the local middle/upper class and is located in South Delhi. Great place to get bargains on international branded clothing & jeans. The mall also houses many Indian and Western eateries. International brands like Guess, Marks & Spencer, Benetton, Lacoste & Apple have retail outlets here.

**South Extension:** Another shopping mecca in South Delhi but is not a single mall and is spread out over a large area, but many international brands have stores here. International brands include the likes of Mango, Tommy Hilfiger, Nautica, Benetton, Levis, etc.

**Karol Bagh:** Reputed to be the largest shopping area in Asia with 20,000 shops and traders.

**Sarojini Nagar Market:** Reputed to be the largest outdoor, pedestrianized shopping area in Delhi. Huge bargains on all sorts of western and Indian wear, and is known by expatriate teens as THE shopping area for affordable current hip fashion trends. Also a great market for fresh fruits, vegetables as well as household goods!

### **Sightseeing**

Sightseeing in Delhi is not restricted to forts, monuments and palaces only. It covers markets, gardens, museums and eating joints. The city which seems to be about 2000 years old has converted itself to a modern metropolis. The city is the home to famous monuments like Qutub Minar, India Gate, Chandni Chowk and the Red Fort, the Lotus Temple and Jama Masjid.

Agra and the **Taj Mahal** is a 3-4 hour drive or train ride from the city.

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