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The University of Texas at Austin joins historic Indo-US Inter-University Network for Higher Education and Research

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NEW DELHI—The president of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, initiated the Indo-US Inter-University Collaborative Network for Higher Education and Research in New Delhi, India, on Dec. 8.

In this agreement, The University of Texas at Austin joins 20 leading American universities, including Harvard University and the University of California at Berkeley, and in India, Mata Amritanandamayi Center's Amrita University and the government of India, together with three international corporations, Microsoft, Qualcomm and Cadence for collaboration in higher education and research.

Also signing the agreement are Purdue, Princeton, Yale, Georgia Institute of Technology, the universities of Massachusetts-Amherst, Washington, Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, Wisconsin-Madison, North Dakota, Maryland, Michigan and University of California campuses at Los Angeles and Santa Cruz.

The program would make it possible for U.S. universities to appoint members of their faculty to teach and guide research at hundreds of colleges and universities in India via AMRITA's e-learning setup and India's exclusive educational satellite, "EDUSAT." Included in the program will be advanced technology areas such as engineering and computer science, information technology, materials science, bio and nanotechnology, health sciences, management sciences, media and other areas. The program also will introduce U.S. faculty to potential research partnerships in India.

Representing The University of Texas at Austin in the U.S. university delegation was Dr. Vijay Kumar Garg, professor in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, who made the trip on behalf of The University of Texas at Austin's Executive Vice President and Provost Sheldon Ekland-Olson.

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