



IIT Alumni Association of British Columbia Annual Report 2023-2024

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Introduction

The IIT Alumni Association of BC had a vibrant and engaging year, continuing to foster strong connections among alumni while facilitating impactful dialogues with key stakeholders. Our activities spanned social, professional, and cultural dimensions, all aimed at enhancing collaboration and growth within the IIT community in British Columbia. Below is a summary of our key activities and milestones for the year 2023-2024.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our last AGM took place on July 13th, 2023, marking the association's start of an active year. The meeting laid the groundwork for our subsequent events and strategic objectives, reaffirming our commitment to building a stronger, more connected alumni network.

Event Highlights

1. Yoga with Brunch

Date: July 22nd, 2023

Location: Maple Grove Park, Vancouver

We began the year with a rejuvenating "Yoga with Brunch" event guided by Gurdarshan Matharu, IIT Alumnus and yoga expert. Set in the serene atmosphere of Maple Grove Park, the event attracted nearly 30 alumni, including Mr. Manish, the Consul General of India in Vancouver. Following the yoga session, attendees enjoyed a fully catered brunch, offering a delightful opportunity for informal networking and reconnecting with fellow alumni.



2. Alumni Gathering with Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma

Date: February 29th, 2024

Location: Downtown Vancouver

A significant highlight of the year was an exclusive gathering with Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, India's High Commissioner to Canada. This event fostered a meaningful dialogue on the key role IIT alumni in British Columbia can play in driving technology exchange and collaboration. Our discussions centred around India's national missions, particularly in areas such as Cyber-Physical Systems, Quantum Supercomputing, and Clean Energy. We also explored emerging opportunities in Aggrotech, highlighting the potential for alumni contributions to address global challenges such as climate change.

The event concluded with a consensus to expand our dialogue through a forthcoming Zoom meeting, where a broader group of stakeholders will be invited. We are pleased to announce that these conversations have paved the way for a technical session to be hosted in November 2024 by IC-IMPACTS, with support from the Indian Consulate and the IIT BC Alumni Association.



Gupshup Networking Event

Date: June 22nd, 2024

Location: Hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ghai

Our annual networking event, "Gupshup," was a lively evening of conversation, camaraderie, and music. Over 35 alumni and friends attended, including Mr. Masakui Rungtung, Consular General of India in Vancouver. The event provided a relaxed setting for members to connect on both professional and personal levels. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Ghai for their generous hospitality in hosting this successful gathering.



WhatsApp Group

Our online engagement continues to thrive, with the WhatsApp group serving as a dynamic platform for alumni discussions, professional networking, and peer support. Members have actively used this space to exchange ideas, assist one another with job searches, and share opportunities for collaboration. The strength of our digital community remains a key aspect of our association, ensuring that the network stays vibrant and supportive throughout the year.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on a successful year, we look forward to 2024 with enthusiasm. Our plans include continuing the momentum with technical sessions, further expanding our outreach, and deepening our partnerships with IC-IMPACTS, the Indian Consulate and other organizations. We are committed to creating even more opportunities for meaningful social and professional engagement within the IIT alumni community in British Columbia. It has been a remarkable year for the IIT Alumni Association of BC, filled with enriching events and initiatives that strengthened our alumni bonds and positioned us for future growth. With your support and participation, we look forward to continuing this journey together as we work towards building a more connected and empowered alumni community.

Parveen Goel

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