



Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme

Below are some testimonials from Jamaican students who have successfully completed ITEC courses

Krissan Robin-Sade Meredith - GIS Technician – Jamaica



I attended the course “Geographic Information System for Geoscientists” at Geological Survey Of India Training Institute, Hyderabad from January 10, 2019 to February 6, 2019 under ITEC Program of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

The course offered was down the path of my job description and involved much of my daily task. My organization saw it as a valuable learning experience and a chance to improve on my skills. The course was insightful and the experience was great. We were welcomed and felt right at home during the course. It was an invaluable experience and I am glad I was given the chance to participate in the course.

My current and possible future roles are centered around GIS, this course allowed me to better understand GIS and the ArcGIS software. It enhanced my skillset and I am more confident going forward in completing my tasks as I was exposed to new concepts.

The institute and its trainers are well versed and experts within the area of GIS and they were happy to share their knowledge. The course content was suitable for the group which was duly covered in the duration. We were provided with excellent reading material for the field of GIS. The course would have been great if it was just a week longer so as to allow for more advanced technical trainings. The institute also facilitated field trips and excursions both of sightseeing objectives and educational trips as well, everyone was very helpful and this made the experience even better.

I would like to thank High Commission of India, Jamaica for Excellent assistance, feedback and communication throughout the whole process until I returned back home.

Howard Everton Prendergast - Senior Civil Engineer – Jamaica



I attended the course “Earthquake Resistant Design of Structures “at Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur from March 4, 2019 to March 9, 2019 under ITEC Program of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Purpose of Attending the ITEC Course was to gain basic knowledge of seismic behavior and design of civil engineering structures particularly, for the designing of structures such as bridges and buildings against earthquake loads. roads, culverts and bridges. The course also exposed participants to the tools necessary for analysis and design of structures including buildings. National works Agency is responsible for the main road network across Jamaica which also include bridges, culverts and other structures. NWA also has responsibility for the coastal protection works.

The course was very beneficial for my professional career and in my capacity as Senior Civil Engineer while not detailed, the course gave a very good insight into the tools necessary to equip professionals in the subject design aspects.

Indian Institute of Technology (IITK) is a reputedly acclaimed institution with a long history of invaluable experience. The degree of research and outreach to other institutions, locally and globally, is extensive and quite impressive. The course duration was from March 4 - 9, 2019 was relatively short for in-depth knowledge hence, just the basic concepts and tools required were introduced to participants.

Indian Institute of Technology (IITK) explained that the captioned course was the first of its kind hence it can be considered as an "initiation". The course material was well delivered, organized and relevant. The one-week duration was somewhat too short. While the intention of the course was to introduce the basic knowledge, some more time could be allotted so that participants could have a better grasp of concepts etc. The recommendation is to extend the course a few more days and include a study tour of sites that have been affected by seismic activities or might be impacted based on existing building practices.

Once again, I am delighted to show my immense gratitude for participating in ITEC training Programme. The course was very beneficial and the experience was out of this world.

Richard A DePass- Principal Finance Officer – Jamaica



I attended the course “Senior Leadership Programme” at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad from January 13, 2019 - February 2, 2019 under ITEC Program of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

I attended the course to consolidate and expand my capacity for strategic leadership given the Jamaican Government's path of reform and global competitiveness. Preparation to lead a private sector or public sector organisation was also a prime reason for attending the course.

The objectives were realized given the depth and breadth of the areas included in the course and the competencies of the Professors who facilitated the learning process. The opportunity to interact with others with similar objectives from a different economic, cultural and geographical context also added value given the varying perspectives. Further value was added given the mix of private and public sector participants with experience in different fields and industries.

The interaction with other participants also allowed for partnerships that can contribute to cross-border initiatives and investment opportunities. The course is beneficial, having provided tools and skills that can assist with current challenges and has also laid a solid foundation to be responsive to any challenge that may emerge and for other roles.

The course was intense requiring learning at a fast pace to include group work and projects that took participants into the nights. The Professors connected with participants quickly and were very effective in engaging participants in a manner that facilitated learning.

Once again to thank the Government of India for this opportunity which will contribute to a global environment of that supports the well being of the global citizen. The experience has also gave me an insight into the fascinating culture and history of India.

Shedie-Ann Camille Paradon - Regional Manager (Acting)– Jamaica



I attended the course “Advanced Postal Management” at Rafi Ahmed Kidwai National Postal Academy Kamla Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad from February 25, 2019 - March 8, 2019 under ITEC Program of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Purpose of Attending this course was to share cultural awareness with participants from different countries, to have an insight as to how their postal system is operated, to gain extra knowledge on becoming a better supervisor, to be more effective in the work environment, to gain knowledge of any useful tool that may be implemented to enhance productivity and growth. The course is 100% beneficial.

The content of the course was very detailed and relevant, the materials provided was adequate, the environment was conducive to learning, the faculty members were very knowledgeable, patient, helpful and accommodating.

I appreciate being a participant in this course and truly thank the India Government as well as the Jamaican Government for making it possible. A very good move which has given information and ideas that no other course will. The visit to India was a very rewarding one, a lot was learnt and will be practiced. The exposure and experience of the India culture was indeed an incredible one.

Veron Alana Clarke - Director, Administration– Jamaica



I attended the course “Leadership Development Programme for Postal Officers” at Rafi Ahmed Kidwai National Postal Academy Kamla Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad from December 3, 2018 - December 14, 2018 under ITEC Program of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Purpose of Attending this course was to enhance my leadership qualities for increased efficiency and effectiveness in performing my role within the organisation. The course gave me a different perspective on leadership. My outlook moved from leadership as an external state of being to an internal one. It has impacted my views and various situations and has matured my responses to challenges overall.

The Institute treated us like royalty. The staff was very professional in all aspects. The calibre of faculty was excellent. They were qualified, knowledgeable persons with industry awareness which was evident in their delivery. This allowed for participants to understand almost effortlessly what was being imparted. The accommodation was good. The rooms were cleaned regularly. The food was well prepared. The visits to the various sites made the programme a rich experience.

One aspect I don't recall being addressed was what to do in the case of an emergency. That is in the case of fire or earthquake or any other disaster at the college. I would have liked a little more variety in the meals although I can appreciate the challenge with facilitating numerous persons from diverse backgrounds. I would recommend a culinary expose from participants as a part of the experience if same is possible.

Overall it was a well put together programme that I would encourage all members of my administration to take advantage of.

The application process is challenging. There often error messages even with the submission of correct information. Sometimes it takes many attempts before getting an application submitted.

Thanks for a rich Rewarding Experience. Continue to impact the world through your courses.