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**Hindustan Australia - New Zealand Alumni Chapter (HANAC) Inauguration**

**Date : 9 November, 2024**

**Venue : Batman’s Hill, Melbourne, Australia**

**Time : 6 pm to 10 pm**

* **Dr. Ashok George Verghese, Vice President, HGI, was the chief guest for the Alumni Chapter inauguration**
* **Mr. Kailash Krishnan, Entrepreneur, & Dr. Puspamitra Panigrahi, Prof., CENCON, graced the event.**

**Report:**

The Event started with the invocation of HITS anthem played. Mr. Rob Mathew, Chapter President welcomed the audience. He introduced the Office bearers , Mr. Varun Chonat (ECE - 2009) Chapter Vice President, Mr. Ashik (Civil - 2016 ) Secretary (couldn’t come as he was in Sydney), & Ms. Sandhya Chopra (ECE -’97), Treasurer, to the audience. He recalled his promise he made to Founder Chancellor madam that he would coordinate with HITSAA to establish the Alumni chapter in Australia and was thankful for the momentous day.

The Late Founder, Dr. K.C. G. Verghese was remembered for his great leadership and legendary vision. A video was presented and everyone paid their tribute to the founder. Ms. Sandhya quoted few lines from his autobiography, “Wheels & Wings”

The Alumni introduced themselves one by one. Most of them moved to Australia for higher studies and have established themselves in various fields. Some are entrepreneurs, and have started their own business. Alumni were happy and delighted to be part of this alumni meet and thanked the Management and the organizers for the wonderful event. Also, They were elated to meet their Patron, Dr. Ashok Verghese, and other friends, Seniors and juniors. They were happy to recollect their time and memorable moments in the Bay Range campus.

Dr. Puspamitra Panigrahi, Prof., CENCON presented the HITS infrastructure video and the HITSAA activities video to the audience. The alumni were spellbound by the growth of their alma mater in terms of infrastructure and Rankings and Student community and their achievements.

Mr. Kailash Krishnan, Industry expert and an Entrepreneur, friend of Pro Chancellor also addressed the audience and congratulated the alumni and HITS for launching the Australia Alumni Chapter.

The most awaited moment arrived, the Presidential address by Dr. Ashok George Verghese, Patron of HGI. He was overwhelmed with delightment meeting all the alumni cherishing their college days. He explained the recent achievements of Hindustan Group of Institutions and its students. Also wished them well for their future endeavors. He welcomed the alumni to visit Bay Range campus whenever possible and take a look at their alma mater. He stated the importance of strong alumni relations and that the alumni are one of the pillars of the institution for the development in all aspects.

He congratulated and applauded Mr. Rob Mathew, Chapter President and team for putting everything together and coordinating with HITSAA.

The Office bearers presented a memento to the Pro Chancellor and other guests. The Pro Chancellor presented the token of appreciation to the office bearers of HANAC. The session came to an end by Group photograph.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Varun Chonat and this was followed by dinner.

Participants for the inaugural event;

| **S. No.** | **Name of alumnus** | **Course & Yr of Grad.** | **Occupation** |
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| 1 | Sri Ratan | BE-2024 | MS, RMIT University |
| 2 | Rob Matthew | BE 2003 | Director, LIME Migration |
| 3 | Varun Chonat | BE 2009 | MD, Wooden Wonders Aus |
| 4 | Sangeetha Mohan Das | IT - 2014 | Talent Acquisition Advisor Unisuper |
| 5 | Roopesh Krishnan | BE - 2012 | Customer Success Manager, Salesforce |
| 6 | Vandana | BE-2009 | CyberSecurity & Compliance Manager, ENGIE |
| 7 | Kishore Viswanath | BE-2010 | Network Architect, Melbourne Airport |
| 8 | Githin S. | BE-2009 | Senior Network Engineer , NEC |
| 9 | Sherryl Mathews | Civil- 2013 | Project Manager - Transurban |
| 10 | Ishita Shirin Mammen | ECE 2015 | Head of ICT Projects |
| 11 | Shalini George | 2002 | Interior Designer |
| 12 | Sandhya Chopra | BE-1997 | Entrepreneur |
| 13 | Sherin Rahman | Civil-AP (2015 -2018) | Consultant, Systems and Safety Assurance, Tactix-Sener Group |
| 14 | G. Sudha | BE - 1995 | SAP Functional Consultant |
| 15 | Sinu George | BE-2001 | Senior Technical Consultant; Telstra Limited |
| 16 | Jisan John | BE-2010 | Logistics Coordinator/ BP |
| 17 | Gini George | BE - 2001 | Senior Manager, IT Services, Dept of Justice and Community Safety, Victoria |
| 18 | Sridevi Raghunath | ECE - '98 | Test Lead, Red Energy |
| 19 | Raghu Krishnaswamy | ECE - '98 | Architect, Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry |
| 20 | Karthik Kumaresan | Mech -'98 | Cloud DevOps Engineer, iGreenData |
| 21 | David Ryan | Auto -2022 | MS, Deakin university |











