

## **KLU Inks MoU with University of the Virgin Islands (UVI)**

December 17, 2015

KLU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI), USA at KLU's Hyderabad office on December 8, 2015.

The MoU was signed by Sri.Koneru Satyanarayana, President, KLU and Prof.Camile McKayle, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, UVI.

Mr.Havish Koneru, Vice President and Mr.Jayadev GAG, Adviser too represented KLU at the meeting, while the visiting UVI's delegation included Prof.James Maddirala, Vice Provost for Global Engagement, Graduate Studies and Academic Affairs and Dr. Robert C. Stolz, Chair, Department of Mathematics.

Dr.Raja Ramanna DRDO Distinguished Fellow Prof.Iyyanki V Muralikrishna who facilitated the dialogue and the MoU between the two Universities too attended the MoU ceremony.

*Dr.LSS Reddy, Vice Chancellor, Dr.Kishore Babu, Chief, MBA department and Director of International Relations, Dr.N.Venkatram, Dean Academic, Dr.T.Uma Maheshwara Rao, Registrar, and Dr. AVS Kamesh, MBA Department, who all contributed to the discussions leading up to the MoU, could not attend the MoU event owing to prior commitments on the campus.*

Dr.Dion Gouws, Assistant Dean, School of Business and Chair, Accounting and Finance at the UVI, visited KLU in November 2105 and has played an anchor role in launching, and setting a direction for, a sustainable relationship between the two universities paving the way to the current MoU.

The MoU constitutes a broad agreement and is not limited to any specific academic program or initiative. An immediate motivator for the MoU is to enable the UVI design and integrate curricula of the following globally recognized US accounting certification programs into KLU's *B Com (Hon), M Com (Professional), and MBA (Finance and Accounting)* programs:

- *Certified Public Accountant (CPA)*
- *Certified Management Accountant (CMA)*
- *Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)*

The general nature of the MoU allows for the partnership to expand beyond the ongoing cooperation over the US accounting certification programs to several other programs and initiatives in future.

### **About KLU**

Recognized as a **Deemed University** in 2009 by India's apex higher education regulator UGC, KLU is a large, multidisciplinary, and independent technical university in India with the vision to be among the **top 5** private universities in South Asia by 2020. Based out of Guntur district, AP, KLU has over 650 faculty, 640 staff, and 65,000 successful alumni. Consistently ranked among India's **top 10** private universities and accredited at **A** grade (the highest) by NAAC, KLU offers 15 bachelor's, 26 master's, 14 dual-degree, and 14 doctoral programs to over 12,000

students and 1050 PhD scholars from India and 22 South Asian and African countries. For more details, visit [www.kluniversity.in](http://www.kluniversity.in).

### About UVI

The University of the Virgin Islands is a learner-centered institution dedicated to the success of its students and committed to enhancing the lives of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the wider Caribbean through excellent teaching, innovative research, and responsive community service. UVI is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Founded in 1962, UVI is a public, co-ed, land-grant HBCU (Historically Black College and University) in the [United States Virgin Islands \(USVI\)](#). Approximately 2,500 students are enrolled on the two [campuses](#): the [Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix](#) and the [St. Thomas campus](#). The institution offers [37 undergraduate degree programs and eight graduate degree programs](#) across its [five colleges and schools](#). More details at [www.uvi.edu](http://www.uvi.edu).

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KLU was ranked **Top 10** in India and **Top 5** in South India among all private technical universities in the country by India's popular news magazine the *Week*, 2015.