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PDPU gets tips on world-class universities

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Ahmedabad: A team of faculty and senior management officials from Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) recently participated in a master class discussion on world class universities in Malaysia.

The master class titled 'Constructing World Class Universities' was led by Jamil Salmi, a Moroccan economist and former World Bank coordinator for tertiary education. "This meet provided a learning platform for institutional leaders and policy makers from East Asian nations interested in developing a vision for the transformation of their universities," said Mansa Rao, senior manager, international relations, PDPU.

Rao, along with Dr Nigam Dave, dean, School of Liberal Studies, Dr T P Singh and Sunil Gangwani of PDPU participated in the **MALAYSIA MASTERCLASS** two-day event at Kuala Lumpur.

Jamil Salmi, the illustrious tertiary education expert, explained that while every institute wants to be on the world map, a good approach is to create a new institution. Then one can inculcate the culture right from the start. Upgrading and merging universities can be difficult. However, with a clear vision, strong governance and good resources, building an excellent varsity is possible. Location of a university also matters a lot, Salmi explained.

"We at PDPU are constantly coming up with new programmes, initiatives and are tying up with other international universities. These are the factors that work to make it a world class university. We have identified the keywords with which we want PDPU to be recognized; talent, resourcefulness and management," added Rao.

While there were about 28 policy makers from various international universities from Malaysia, New Zealand and Philippines among others, PDPU was the youngest university in attendance.