

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUPPORT - ISS

SCENARIO INFORMATION

First Meeting	04 th September 2014
Title of the Scenario	Meeting of International students with the Principal
Topic in Keywords	Introduction, Evaluation of Campus culture
No. of Students Attended	61
Organized by	Loyola Students Support Services - LSSS

The purpose of this meeting is to survey the current state of International Students studying in our college and to briefly discuss the needs of the students, the campus culture and their life. The meeting started with an invocation song. The announcement was made to all International students to come to LSSS office and register themselves for better coordination and functioning among themselves and also with other students of the college. Eighty students have registered so far at the LSSS office. Students represented from 20 countries. The countries represented are **Japan, China, Canada, US, France, Srilanka, Bangladesh, Rwanda, East Timor, Congo, Hong Kong, South Africa, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Maldives, Tanzania, Kenya and South Korea.** The meeting started with a welcome note and followed by discussion with **Rev. Fr. M. S. Jacob SJ**, Director, LSSS about the “**Challenges Faced by the International Students**”.



The International students had a free and frank sharing with the LSSS Director and CIP Director. During the discussion it was learnt that the International students are facing many of the following challenges and problems, some to a greater degree than others:

- Cultural and Social Adjustment
- Listening Difficulties in Pronunciation
- Language Problems
- Dress code
- Part Time Jobs
- Rules of the College
- To have a forum for International Students

Everybody expressed their opinions according to their culture and upbringing. Students expressed freely about their life and campus culture positively and pinpointed some areas for growth. They appreciated the college for the various facilities, for good professors and for good administration. They are very happy that they are able to come together as one group from different countries. It was the first of its kind. After that **Dr. Joel Gnanadoss**, Director, CIP gave the Introduction and

Dynamics of the International programme conducted in our college with various Universities like

- Catholic University of Lille, France
- London South Bank University, UK
- Coburg University, Germany
- Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan and a few others.



He also explained the college Rules and Regulations for the International Students. Finally **Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy SJ**, Principal addressed the gathering and gave inputs on the values of the Jesuit educational system in our College. He also responded to the queries and problems raised in the floor. Finally the meeting ended with a high tea at 04:00 PM.

Dr. S. Arulmozhi, Coordinator - ISS