

## **PULC TWINNING PROGRAMME REPORT 2009**

**Distinguished Chief Guest Dr. M. Ranganatham, Registrar I/C and Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, University of Madras,**

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**Rev. Dr. Peter Xavier.S.J., Secretary, Loyola college**

**Rev. Dr. Albert Muthumalai.S.J., Principal, Loyola College and President of this Graduation Ceremony,**

**Rev. Dr. S. Arcokiasamy. S.J. Director, PULC Twinning Programme,**

**Esteemed Members of the Staff, Respected Parents, Special Invitees, Members of the Press, Friends and Dear New Graduates,**

I deem it my God given privilege to stand before you on behalf of the PULC Twinning Programme to present a brief report of its growth and development in the last 10 years. The PULC TP that has emerged to be one of the most sought after Centers of Academic excellence helping hundreds of aspirants to realize their career dreams was conceived and launched during the Academic Year 1999 – 2000, by Dr.V.T.Patil and Rev.Dr. S.Ignachimuthu S.J the then Vice – Chancellor of the Pondicherry University and the Principal of Loyola college respectively. In the beginning, there were only few programmes like B.Com, B.B.A, Post Graduate Diplomas and some Master’s Programmes like in MHRM, MFT, and MFM and there were 584 students on the rolls. In the first six years the growth was slow though steady. But after the inception of MBA during the Academic year 2005 -2006, there was a steep rise in the enrolment and the total strength of the centre rose to 2521.

The year 2008 -09, again witnessed spectacular growth, More than 1600 candidates joined for MBA alone, thereby taking the total strength to 3356 in 2008 -09. This academic year we have 3369 students in our programme by which we are today perhaps the top most institutes in the city of Chennai coaching largest number of students and producing maximum number of MBA’s every year. One can say, after the PULC TP Centre has come into existence, the most prestigious International Business Qualification, Viz. MBA is no longer an elusive dream for anyone. The financial and personal cost of the MBA, as compared to the potential benefits, is so reasonable and affordable that almost everyone is attracted towards it. So much so that the University has temporarily suspended the entire Post Graduate Diploma Programmes and the

other Master's, programme Except M.Com Finance since last year. MBA (General) has been introduced since last year in addition to the earlier MBA Programmes in HRM, Finance, Marketing and International Business. True to the observation of Prof, JAK Tareen, Vice Chancellor of the Pondicherry University, Twinning Programme is one of its Kind providing ample opportunity to students to progress, achieve and succeed.

Today we can boast of having not only 3300 students but also about 73 well qualified dedicated teaching staff selected from among different centers of excellence including to business schools like LIBA, IIPM and MIDS etc, other than Loyola College. Many of them are not only excellent in teaching but also have produced several PhD's in Economics, Commerce and Management streams. In the periodic staff evaluation by the students most of our faculties are rated high.

The infrastructure and facilities are excellent in Loyola. We have well equipped and spacious classrooms, a library, educational technology of different kind, a canteen that serves good, hygienically prepared food, good rapport between the faculty and students and Project guidance by experienced faculties, etc

The students are highly motivated and exhibit great determination and seriousness towards their Master Programme. There are Lawyers, Engineers, Bank Managers, Executives, government employees and even IAS officers seeking to enhance their professional capabilities at our Twinning Programme. The Twinning Programme has been registering undoubtedly sterling performance since its inception.

In commemoration of successful 10 years of quality service to the student community, the management, staff and students of twinning porgamme conducted a three day Management Conference 2008 on "Functional Research for internal and external fit". This conference was organized with an objective of educating the young generation of our nation to equip them to cater to the changing demand of both the internal and external business environment and make them fit to face the issues emerging from the same. We place it on record our sincere thanks to the organizing committee members Rev.Dr.Arcokiasamy, Prof. Robert Bellarmine, former coordinator and Dr.A.Arockiyasamy, the organizing secretary of the conference for their tireless effort in organizing this Decennial commemorative conference – 2008.

As our performance is also reflective of the committed and hard work of each one of the former Directors and Coordinators, we would like to sincerely thank the former Directors Rev.Dr.Xavier Vedam.s.j, Rev.Fr.Roosevelt.S.J, and Rev.Dr.Alber William.S.J. And the coordinators – Dr.M.John sunder the founder coordinator, one who meticulously planned and built the basic system for this Twinning Programme with lots of foresightedness that enables the functioning of this programme even today. We thankfully remember the contribution of Prof. Govindarajan for his valuable contribution to this programme. Prof. Arul Raj one who is instrumental in starting MBA programme and strengthened the system which is conducive for business education, we sincerely acknowledge his significant contribution in the capacity of coordinator of this Twinning Programme.

I place it on record our sincere gratitude to Prof. Robert Bellarmine, the former Coordinator for his silent but significant contribution to this twinning programme in the last three years. His friendly and caring approach was greatly admired and appreciated by both the students and faculties of this programme. His contribution in strengthening academics more particularly the preparation of project for the senior students of this programme is laudable and worth mentioning.

I am grateful to the management for this privilege to be a coordinator of this twinning programme. I assure the best with the able support of my director, faculties and my committed office team members. I express my gratitude to Rev. Dr. S. Arockiasamy, the director for his flexibility and moral support. I am thankful to Mr. Clemnet Leo, Mrs. Thanuja and Mr. A. Arul for their tireless service and cooperation in discharging routine responsibilities of the twinning programme centre smoothly. Above all, Ladies and Gentlemen, we owe our success to the trust and faith you have reposed in us that makes us to strive further to give you more, give you more than what you expect.

Thank you

A. Xavier Mahimairaj  
Coordinator.