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## Convocation 2011 held at BITS Pilani Dubai Campus

'Convocation 2011' was held at BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum on Sunday, 11th September 2011 for its eighth batch of graduating students. His Excellency Humaid Mohamed Obaid Al Qutami, Minister of



The Degrees were conferred on 403 Graduates who graduated in the following disciplines of Engineering; Chemical Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering and Biotechnology. Of the total 403 students, 289 are boys and 114 are girls.

His Excellency Humaid Mohamed Obaid Al Qutami awarded the Toppers of Class of 2010 and 2011 with Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals at the ceremony. Ms. Ankita Lamba was the proud recipient of the Director's Medal for All-Round excellence (Female) and Mr. Chougale Shams Mohammed Ali received the Medal for All-Round excellence (Male). The DIAC Academic Excellence Award was given to Sparsh Mittal and Nikul Dinesh Kumar Agarwal who were the academic toppers of this year.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Bijendra Nath Jain gave the welcome address and presented the Convocation report on the occasion of Convocation 2011. In his report, he said, 'BITS is invariably ranked amongst the top 10 publicly or privately funded engineering institutions in India, as also among the top in the UAE. Going forward, we aspire to be listed as a top-class research-led university in Asia and in the world, and not simply in India or UAE. And to realize that dream we have begun to define and implement a number of projects under the umbrella project called "Vision 2020, Mission 2012" that will enhance our capability and capacity to run a world-class university whose faculty and students excel in both teaching or learning and in research or innovation.'

In a videographed address, Chancellor Dr Kumar Mangalam Birla, a leading industrialist and a global business leader called upon the graduating students to work with passion and determination. 'Bring passion to your endeavors, bring the fire in you and the sparkle in your eyes to every task you set yourself to' said the Chancellor. He said that the opportunities in India, U.A.E and the world are limitless and he called upon the young graduates to grab them and shape their lives and shape the world. 'Just as BITS Pilani's reputation has been shaped

by the quality of men and women who walked through its portals, you will shape BITS's reputation in the coming years', he added. Chancellor congratulated the graduating students and wished them very best in their lives, both personal and professional.

Prof. Dr. R. K. Mittal, Director, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus congratulated the graduates on their successful completion of their programs, and said, 'BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus has been tirelessly working to fulfill its mission of imparting quality education to the students in the gulf region and selfless service to the society.' He added that this convocation stands out in reaffirming the commitment to develop technical and scientific manpower in the region.

Including the 403 students who graduated this year, a total of 1743 students have graduated from BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus till date. Several graduates have obtained admission to Masters and PhD programmes at more than 65 highly reputed institutions such as Stanford, Cornell, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, Carnegie Mellon in the USA; the University of Toronto, Canada; University of Manchester, UK; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, University of Melbourne, Australia etc.

The remaining students are well-placed in more than 400 highly reputed companies such as Microsoft, Sony Ericsson, Oracle etc. in the USA; Siemens, J Ray McDermott, Larsen and Toubro Emirates Airlines, Baker Hughes, MAERSK etc. in the UAE; and Infosys, Dell, Wipro, Tata Consultancy etc. in India and many companies from other countries.

A large gathering comprising the graduating students, their parents, guests from the industry and faculty and staff of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus attended the grand ceremony. Dr. Abdulla Al Karam, Director General, Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA), Mr. Syed. M. Salahuddin, Managing Director, ETA Ascon group and Vice Chairman, Governing Council, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus ; Mr. Essa Al Ghurair, Director - ETA Ascon Group were among the several guests present on the occasion. The Directors of BITS Pilani, Goa and Hyderabad campus, Prof. K.E. Raman, Prof. V.S. Rao and Dr. M.M.S. Anand, Registrar of BITS Pilani flew in for the solemn occasion.

## Notes and Media Contacts

About BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus:

BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus (BPDC) is the branch campus of the internationally reputed Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, (BITS Pilani) India and is the largest Engineering institution in Dubai International Academic City (DIAC). It was set-up in the year 2000 in association with ETA-NET to offer quality higher engineering education to the residents of UAE and other gulf countries.

The Campus carries forward the charter of the brand BITS, Pilani and is committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and learning tools which provides a conducive environment to the students to become top technocrats, professional, leaders or researchers. BITS, Pilani, along with the Dubai and Goa campuses, has been awarded the coveted 'A' Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an autonomous body set up by University Grants Commission, Government of India - scoring the highest points among all private accredited universities in India.

BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus has progressed leaps and bounds in the last 11 years with innumerable achievements. The Institution has about 1600 students admitted from over 20 countries world-wide. BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, which is the first private university to have its own campus in the Dubai International Academic City (DIAC), has an excellent academically conducive infrastructure along with well-experienced, highly qualified and dedicated faculty and staff. The Institute has collaboration with over 380 reputed companies across UAE to offer internship to its students.

The graduates of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus have done exceedingly well in all spheres and brought name and fame for themselves and made their Alma Mater proud. The strong networks of the BITS Pilani alumni, its ambassadors spread all over the globe and holding leading positions in industry and academia alike, are a testimony to the BITS Pilani's focus of nurturing individuals in the pursuit of excellence.

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