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Launch of INDIA Alumni Portal by ICCR

In an effort to build India alumni network, Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) has launched an ICCR **INDIA Alumni Portal** www.iccr.almaconnect.com for all foreign nationals who have studied in India in any capacity irrespective of being an ICCR/non-ICCR student; sponsored/self-financed; short term/long term courses etc. The Alumni offers a single platform for all past and present ICCR Scholars to register, interact, share conversations and make contributions as well remain connected/updated on a dynamic India and build bridges of friendship between India and Cambodia.

2. As such all members of Alumni who have studied are requested to register on the portal www.iccr.almaconnect.com to remain associated with India.

3. The main features of the ICCR Alumni Portal are at **Annexure-A**.

Features of the Alumni Portal

- (a) **Options for alumni, faculty & students to sign up:** Current location and organization mandatory for all users.
- (b) **Invitation system:** Auto email invitations, reminders for invitation system available. Alumni data can be imported and invitations can be sent. People can invite their batch mates through various ways like asking a security question, auto matching with database, college email id verification, manual, approval, vouching, etc.
- (c) **Identify verification during sign up:** Identity verification can be integrated when someone is trying to sign up through various ways like asking a security question, auto matching with database, college email id verification manual approval, vouching, etc.
- (d) **Profile Management :** Name, batch, course, current city, current company, email, mobile, profile history (current and past education and employment details), current picture, college time picture, college nickname, college time activities, groups, privacy settings, notification settings and other basic profile management features available.
- (e) **User Directory (Browse/Search):** Listing of people alongside feature to filter/search people based on batch, course, location, company, education, groups, industry available.
- (f) **Sharing Information :** Information can be shared to any selected set of people. Notifications emails are sent to the selected people. Commenting, like and other basic social networking options available.
- (g) **Events :** An event can be created and invitations can be sent out alongside RSVP and other basic options.
- (h) **Polls:** Feature to create a poll with various options like: A user can select multiple answers, a user can change his/her answer, deadline for the poll and So on.
- (i) **Private Message :** A user can send/ receive private messages.
- (j) **Groups feature available :** Various groups based on professions locations, activities can be created, people can subscribe to it and information Can be sent/discussed with the groups.
- (k) **Cherished Memories :** Collaboration of pictures. People can request others and upload pictures of events that happened during college in the past.

- (l) **Testimonials by Distinguished Alumni** : The portal has the feature where distinguished Alumni would share their experience on study in India.
- (m) **Co-ordinates of Missions** : Portal has the co-ordinates of the Alumni Coordinator or officer in charge of education at the Mission/ Post.
- (n) **Unlimited storage of Data** :- Users can post an unlimited number of files, pictures and links to videos on the platform. Old posts are retained indefinitely and can be reviewed at any time.
- (o) **Alumni Locations** : Map view available listing alumni on the world map based on their location. Filters available in the user directory to locate alumni with ease.
- (p) **Mobile App** : Both Android and iOS Mobile application available.
- (q) **News**: Links to News Articles/Announcements can be posted on the homepage by the admin. Automatic lookout for news articles in major media websites mentioning about alumni and their listing.
- (r) **Bots-Auto Feed Curators** - There are certain bots that have been created that aggregate posts into broad categories which users can decide to follow/unfollow based on their interests and relevance.
- (s) **Bulk Data Import** – Admins can import Alumni & Employee’s data via a CSV file at a single go, various fields can be mapped through the CSV itself.
- (t) **Tracking of Alumni** - The platform auto-searches for alumni on LinkedIn to keep their information in sync, not just for members who are already signed up but for those who are not signed up as well.
- (u) **Data Normalization** - Aliasing and data normalization to ensure greater search capability and better organization of data.
- (v) **Forms and Pages** : Create new pages having static information and simple forms as per need & specific requirements like transcripts, guest house bookings, etc.
- (w) **Managing of Master Database**: Online editing of database with auto-sync functionality with Facebook/ LinkedIn
- (x) **Official Accounts** - Provision for departments and offices to create their official accounts on the network & engage with alumni. Option to sync Social Media pages and bring in content being posted there.
- (y) **Admin Controls** - A comprehensive admin panel will be available for complete control over the alumni portal.
