

**GLOBAL CONNECTIONS SEMINAR XVII, THE DALY COLLEGE,
INDORE, INDIA, JANUARY 12 TO JANUARY 19, 2016**

Peace Education within Faith Diversity

The Global Connections Board has just finished a wonderful meeting at The Daly College in Indore, over the weekend of January 17/18, hosted by Board member Sumer Singh, Principal of the College. The Board met to talk about future directions for our organization, and also to make plans for our next seminar, Global Connections XVII, to be held at Daly College. This is a most remarkable school.

Here below are some essential information items about the seminar:

Dates: Tuesday January 12 to Tuesday January 19, 2016.

Arrivals: Delegates should be in **Mumbai** by lunch on January 12, to check into the iconic Taj Mahal Hotel around 2.00 pm and to register for the seminar between 2.00 and 5.00 pm.

Departures: Delegates will depart from **Indore** on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 19. Staying in the hotel in Indore after January 19 will be at delegates' personal expense.

Theme: Peace Education within Faith Diversity.

Cost: For full fee-paying delegates, the cost will be US\$ 2,500. This covers all expenses, including meals, accommodation, and transport within India. Travel to Mumbai and from Indore is the responsibility of individual delegates.

Financial aid, as always, will be available to those whose schools cannot afford the full fee. Applications for financial aid should be made to Malcolm McKenzie at malcolm.mckenzie@keystoneacademy.cn

Deadlines: Expressions of interest in attending must be sent in by the end of June to Indu Kapoor at Daly College: induk1967@gmail.com

Delegates will need to pay the **NON-REFUNDABLE** conference fee by the end of June.

General description:

Following on from a successful and illuminating seminar in Macedonia, Northern Greece, and Cyprus, Global Connections will be going to India. Owing to the climate in Indore, India, a January date works best. We have chosen dates that should allow many northern hemisphere heads to start their second semesters, and then absent themselves, and that should fall within the latter stages of the summer vacation for many southern hemisphere heads.

This decision has necessitated an 18-month gap between seminars. There will be another 18-month gap after India. Global Connections XVIII will be hosted by Keystone Academy, Beijing, and perhaps by some other GC Chinese schools, in July 2017. Please mark your calendars now.

In India, we shall continue to explore our recent, overarching theme of ***Education for Peace***. With its rich diversity of faiths, and history of harmonious coexistence and accommodation for long periods of Indian history, the lens of peace within faith diversity is a natural one in India. Our speakers will give us insight into indigenous and other religions, we shall visit places of worship, and we shall explore areas of coexistence and discord. Our focus will not be restricted to India. The topic is most certainly global, and urgent, and relates directly to the student outcomes that we desire in our schools.

We shall also find time to learn, through an opening speaker of note and invited heads from Indore, of educational successes and issues within our host country.

Starting in Mumbai, we shall have speakers on the opening night and the next night. On the first full day of the seminar, we shall go on an excursion returning late afternoon.

On Thursday, January 14, we shall fly to Indore, and to our hosts Daly College. During the next five days there will be sessions and trips including these:

- Visits to a wide range of local schools
- Two Sharing Sessions to allow delegates to talk about innovative practices in their schools, introductions to Global Connections that they have made with new schools and heads, and benefits to our students of our attendance at Global Connections seminars
- Two evenings of dance and music performances that connect culture to religious practice
- Additional speakers addressing the seminar theme, and times for internal discussion of this
- A day trip to Maheshwar and Mandu, two magical places that will always be remembered
- A Global Connections Business Meeting
- A village Mela with shopping and entertainment in the school.

This seminar will be of the uplifting and informing quality that we have come to expect. Our main host and Principal of Daly College, Sumer Singh, is an authority on our conference theme and on many aspects of his country and its varied cultures. Conference reading, to be sent out well before we meet in Delhi, will include two books published by Sumer as well as a set of notes that he is writing specifically for the seminar.

Delegates who wish to stay after the seminar, or to come to India before it starts, and who are interested in reliable tourist information, might choose to contact this travel agent, recommended by Daly College:

Mr. Bharat Dang

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