

## **US Consul General Melinda Pavek's Visit to Don Bosco School Kharagpur: Strengthening Educational Bonds Between India and the United States**

Kharagpur, on 31st August 2023 – The Don Bosco School in Kharagpur is honored to welcome the esteemed Chief Guest, Melinda Pavek, the US Consul General, as part of her official visit to the region. This visit aims to bolster educational ties between India and the United States while celebrating the enduring friendship between the two nations.



Melinda Pavek was received by Mr. Ashok Kumar Agarwal (Chairman), Mrs. Anupama Agarwal (Hon. Board member), Harshika Agarwal (CEO), Mr. Raman Agarwal (Hon. Board member), Mrs. Lorraine Mirza (Academic Head) and Mr. RK Moses (Principal) and Mr. Calvin Laporte (Senior School Coordinator).



In the Board room she was greeted by DS Grewal (DIG CRPF), Mrs. Sukhjeet Kaur Greval (Hon. Parent DBSK), Fr. Raphael Stephen (Archdiocese Kolkata), Mr. Satyajik Sarkar (Senior Manager, Cambridge India-East), RTN. Jewel Chowdhury (Rotary President), RTN Surojit Kala and Mr. Rajiv Agarwal (CEO Edudigm)



The anticipation builds as the Chief Guest, Melinda Pavek, the US Consul General, arrives at Don Bosco School. Students, brimming with excitement, extend a warm welcome by waving both the Indian and American flags, symbolizing the harmony and cooperation between the two countries.





In a significant moment, Ms. Pavek inaugurates the newly constructed wing on the second floor, which houses the state-of-the-art science laboratories. This initiative showcases the commitment of Don Bosco School towards fostering excellence in education and research.



Madam Pavek then inaugurated the newly constructed Science Labs (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) and listened to the students explaining the various science projects with rapt attention. She praised the School management for providing the state of art Labs with such modern and expensive Lab material for the students.





She also visited the Robotic and Stem Lab to see the students robotic projects and engineering KEVA structure. She enjoyed the explanation of the students on their various presentation and marveled at the knowledge of students of grades III to V explaining about Robots.

A special time was spent in the Kindergarten classroom where madam Pavek danced with the little angels of DBSK



The school community gathered in the auditorium to honor Ms. Pavek with a captivating cultural program, representing the rich heritage and diversity of India. This cultural exchange exemplifies the bridge of understanding and collaboration that education can create.





Madam Pavék was felicitated with Silver memento of Don Bosco by Chairman sir. Along with that she was also gifted a Pearl set and Terrarium. Her portrait was drawn by school Art teacher Mr. Ashok Ghosh which was present to her by DS Grewal (DIG, CRPF).



Father Raphael Stephen (Archdiocese of Kolkata) blessed the entire school and the newly constructed second floor wing and the Labs with his prayers and holy water.





DBSK students put up a fantastic performance to entertain the audience. The School choir sang a medley of songs comprising of “Country Road” by John Denver, “Mississippi” and the “Ganga song”. Dancing to the tune were the fabulous DBSK dancers.







Ms. Pavak engaged in an interactive session with the students and parents of Don Bosco School, where she imparts insights into educational opportunities in the United States. Her presence and words of wisdom inspire the young minds to explore global academic prospects.



In her address she mentioned the Four “P”s which are the pillars of U.S.-India relationship: Peace, Prosperity, Planet and People. She praised the school



management, staff and above all the students who interacted with her. A highlight of the visit, Ms. Pavék graciously addresses questions raised by the school students. The focus lies on strengthening Indo-US ties through educational initiatives and exploring avenues for higher education in prestigious American universities.



As a symbol of the enduring friendship and growth, Ms. Pavék planted a sapling within the school premises. This act signifies her visit, her inspiring thoughts, her blessings and the nurturing of strong roots for a fruitful future.





The visit concludes with heartfelt goodbyes as Ms. Pavek bid adieu to the students, parents, staff, and esteemed dignitaries of Don Bosco School. Her visit remains a testament to the enduring partnership between India and the United States and the pivotal role that education plays in forging lasting connections.



Don Bosco School Kharagpur extends its gratitude to Ms. Melinda Pavek for gracing the occasion with her presence and looks forward to the continued strengthening of educational ties between the two nations.

