

# ICO and LCO partnership completes a decade



**Opening Ceremony  
at Lotus College**

**7<sup>th</sup> Shree N.P.B  
scientific session**

**A** historic decade of the students exchange programme between the Institut et Centre d'Optometrie, (ICO) Visionsolidev, France and the Lotus College of Optometry, (LCO) Mumbai, which began after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the exchange of knowledge and culture between the two schools of optometry, was completed this February.

As a part of the programme, a 14-member delegation from France, comprising 12 students, two faculty members and two opticians stayed in India from 21 February to 5 March. The French Group was accorded a warm welcome on their arrival at Lotus College on February 22 by the college faculty and students who acquainted them about the activities planned during the visiting team's two-week stay.

During the subsequent days, students of both the institutes, under the supervision of faculty members, worked at special eye camps that were organised



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◀ ▲ Camps supported by Hoya Lens and Rotary Club



with the help of the Rotary Club and Hoya Lens Private Limited. Patients were examined, prescribed spectacles, screened for ocular diseases and, where needed, referred to a hospital for further evaluation.

As many as 2,449 people were screened of which 2091 were children, 137 were special children and 221 adults. A total of 83 patients were referred to Lotus Eye Hospital for further evaluation and 153 pairs of spectacles were distributed free of cost.

Lotus College celebrated its Founder's Day on 27th February with a scientific session, the Shree NP Baliwalla Memorial Scientific Session, as has been the annual tradition. The session featured 14 oral and 14 poster presentations by students of both the Institutes. Mr. Jean Paul Roosen and Ms. Shiney Sebastian judged the scientific session for the best paper and poster presentation while

Dr. Viswanathan from LCO conducted a quiz on Optometry during the session to make the event more interactive. The celebrations concluded with a cultural evening in which the LCO and ICO students presented some excellent dance performances.

The many activities conducted during the course of the programme included a special sightseeing tour organised on 28th February for the French Group to enable them to get a glimpse of the rich culture and history of Mumbai city.

The eventful fortnight finally concluded with the closing ceremony on 4 March which was marked with presentations by representatives from both the schools in which they described their learning experiences during the exchange programme.

The Lotus College gratefully acknowledged the support of Mr. Hemang Jangla, President of Rotary Club of Bombay Seacoast for organising camps in local schools, Hoya Lens Pvt. Ltd. Singapore for their assistance in providing transportation facilities for the groups to visit the campsites with ease and Ronak Optics for sponsoring all the frames dispensed at the eye camps.



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