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IITM Zanzibar delegation to visit Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Madam/Sir:

It is a pleasure to inform you that IIT Madras has launched its international campus at Zanzibar, Tanzania in 2023. The institution is now fully operational, making our cutting-edge education and research accessible to the African continent.

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) was established in 1959 by the Government of India as an 'Institute of National Importance.' The activities of the Institute in various fields of Science and Technology are carried out in 16 academic departments and several advanced interdisciplinary research academic centres. The Institute offers undergraduate and postgraduate programmes leading to B.Tech., M.Sc., M.B.A., M.Tech., M.S., and Ph.D., degrees in a variety of specialisations. IITM is a residential institute with more than 600 faculty and 9,500 students. Students from 18 countries, **including several from Kenya**, are enrolled here. Recognized as an Institution of Eminence (IoE) in 2019, IITM has been ranked No.1 in the 'Overall' Category for the fourth consecutive year in India Ranking 2022 released by National Institutional Ranking Framework, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. The Institute has also been ranked No.1 in the 'Engineering Institutions' category in the same Rankings for seven consecutive years – from 2016 to 2022.

The Zanzibar campus of IITM is a first of its kind off-shore campus of IITM, and is a unique partnership between the governments of India, Zanzibar/Tanzania, and IIT Madras. It awards IITM academic degrees and provides a stellar educational experience to its students. Currently, IITMZ offers two degrees, a four year Bachelor of Science and a two year Master of Technology degree in the area of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. Other programs & specialisations will be added in future years.

Student selection into IITMZ is through a competitive and well-rounded process, involving a written screening test and interviews with faculty experts. The student cohort is international, and we are very keen to expand our profile and welcome high-performing students from Kenya. We are also keen to explore collaborations with like-minded institutions in Kenya and work together towards the evolution of the educational landscape in East Africa.

The team visiting Nairobi, Kenya during 29 Feb – 3 Mar 2024 consists of two senior professors from IIT Madras. Prof Raghunathan is the Dean, Global Engagement at IIT Madras in Chennai, and Prof. Preeti Aghalayam is the Director-in-charge and head of the IIT Madras Zanzibar campus. They bring decades of academic experience, and have been instrumental in the evolution of the internationalisation strategy of IIT Madras.

We thank you for giving us audience to meet with you for discussions.


Sincerely,

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