

Editorial



Alone, you can do little — — together you can do so much.

It was the 40th ISTE Annual Convention being held at Sivkashi (60 km away from Madurai, T.N.). The Convention was held from 2 to 4 December 2010 and the Convention theme was “Foreign Universities in India-Challenges and Opportunities”. On the 2nd day i.e. on 3rd Dec 2010, a panel discussion was organized on the Convention theme and seven Vice Chancellors of Technological Universities were the panelists. The discussion went on very well, as an interactive session, should. At the end of the panel discussion, the Chairman, Dr. Murugesan, V.C. of Anna University of Technology, Madurai, expressed happiness and thanked the ISTE for bringing the V.C. s together on a common platform to discuss a matter of common interest and also to interact with each other. Other V.C. s also followed him, in thanking the ISTE.

At this point of time, one delegate suggested to the panelists that why should ISTE provide you a chance to come together? Why not to form a separate organization, say- “Consortium of Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities in India” and come together, meet regularly and discuss not merely day to day problems, but also policy matters, their contributions to the growth and development of the National Economy and try to shape and monitor the future of Engineering Education, which in India, is the most important discipline, as it provides the technical man power and leadership that drives the Engines of growth of the Economy and Welfare of the Country. There was no particular/specific response from the V.C. s.

I think this it is time - particularly, for the leaders of Organizations, to realize that - be it an individual or an organization - one can grow, but there are limitations in the individual growth. For the full growth of one's potential, it is necessary to come together, share each other's experiences, plan together – in short, to grow synergistically - as this is the only way to fully utilize one's potential. Will the Vice Chancellors, not only from the panel at the ISTE Session, but even elsewhere, find time to consider this e - suggestion of forming an organization and working together to attain their common goal. It is necessary and very desirable that leaders should form networks and aim at synergetic growth and development of Engineering Education and hence, contribute their maximum, for the growth and development of the Country and the World.

Let us hope the V.C. s will find time to consider this suggestion and adopt it, unless they have an alternative or a better methodology to attain their aims and objectives. I am of the firm opinion that for all our quality efforts in an Educational Institute or even in a University, we must make use of the TQM philosophy as the launching pad and work together with Synergy.

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Note:- Please refer the book “ The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers” by Sean Covey, wherein the meaning and the implications of the word - Synergy- has been explained.