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INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY
(A Central University, Government of India)

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Letter of Intent

To,
The Secretariat,
University of Arctic,
UArctic International Secretariat,
c/o University of Lapland,
PO Box 122 96101
Rovaniemi, FINLAND.

Madam/Sir,

Sub: Request to consider Indian Maritime University (IMU) for the membership of UArctic – reg.

Greetings from IMU!

1. Indian Maritime University (IMU) is a Central University under the Government of India established by an Act of Parliament of India which comes under the purview of Indian Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways.

2. India is traditionally a maritime nation. It has a rich maritime heritage and is among the top 5 nations in terms of providing seafarers in the global market. IMU has been playing a significant role in the development of trained human resource for the maritime sector and thereby providing trained manpower to the global maritime sector.

3. IMU is the only Central University in India which offers Diploma, and Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral degrees in maritime related areas. IMU imparts maritime education and training at international standards, across its six campuses in India.

4. Membership with UArctic will open new avenues for IMU to pursue international cooperation in maritime education, research and leadership.

5. Membership of UArctic will enhance IMU's capability to widen international maritime partnership - knowledge sharing, expansion of curriculum in niche areas, project implementation with support from UArctic.

6. I hereby also wish to indicate that the application of IMU for membership with UArctic is supported by the University management as well as Government of India.

Thanking You,

27/2/2023
Vice-Chancellor

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2023 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

Applicant: Indian Maritime University

Country: India

Membership Category: Non-Arctic

Membership Type: HEI

Profile Description:

The Indian Maritime University (IMU), a teaching-cum-affiliating University under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, established through an Act of Parliament in 2008 as a Central University, plays a key role in the development of trained human resource for the maritime sector in India, transforming raw energy and minds of young students into the professionals fit for challenges posed by oceans.

It is set up to promote maritime studies, training, research and extension with focus on emerging areas like oceanography, maritime history, maritime laws, maritime security, search and rescue, transportation of dangerous cargo, environmental studies and other related fields, and to achieve excellence in these areas.

IMU is headquartered at Chennai and has campuses at Chennai, Mumbai Port, Navi Mumbai, Kolkata, Kochi and Visakhapatnam. It also encompasses under its fold 17 private Maritime Training Institutes/Colleges which are affiliated to IMU. IMU is committed to providing quality maritime education, training and research that are responsive to industry needs.

IMU offers under-graduation, post-graduation and doctoral studies in various maritime fields through its four schools spread over at six campuses across India. The courses offered are unique and tailor-made to suit the industry needs and can be viewed on the website www.imu.edu.in. The above fact is corroborated by IMU's enviable placement record of 70% which is best in India. IMU is seen as the gateway to Maritime Sector & Merchant Navy field in India.

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

i. Marine Engineering ii. Nautical Science iii. Naval Architecture, Ship Building and Ship Breaking iv. Dredging and Harbour Engineering v. Off-shore Support Services vi. Inland Waterways, Coastal Shipping and River-Sea Shipping vii. Port and Shipping Management viii. Logistics and Supply Chain Management ix. Maritime Security and Piracy x. Maritime Law, Maritime Insurance xi. Inter-disciplinary areas xii. Maritime related areas.

Madam/Sir,

With reference to your mail dated 28.03.2023, the following is submitted for consideration of IMU for the UArctic membership:

1. Indian Maritime University (IMU) has submitted its form for the membership of UArctic on 28.03.2023. Vide email dated 28.04.2023 from UArctic, it has been brought to the notice of IMU that the scrutiny committee of UArctic needs elaboration on the contributions that IMU will bring to the UArctic network and how IMU plan to engage in the network.

2. In this regard, it is to inform you that Indian Maritime University (IMU) is the only Central University in India under Government of India which offers research in maritime areas of - Marine Engineering, Nautical Science, Naval Architecture, Ship Building and Ship Breaking, Dredging and Harbour Engineering, Off-shore Support Services, Inland Waterways, Coastal Shipping and River-Sea Shipping, Port and Shipping Management, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Maritime Security and Piracy, Maritime Law, Maritime Insurance and Inter-disciplinary areas.

3. Recently, the Centre for Policy Research in Maritime Studies (C-PRiMeS) has been inaugurated at IMU to unlock the potential of the Blue Economy of the Indian Ocean. C-PRiMeS centre will undertake maritime studies and act as a think tank for the development of the marine economy. IMU entered Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), India with an objective to promote joint activities on maritime education & training and joint research activities on polar regions, blue economy, maritime pollution and global maritime initiatives. Arctic issues are also being discussed in a few forums and research is planned.

4. Presently, IMU has 55 research scholars on roll who are pursuing Ph.D. programme in the above maritime related areas. IMU through its research verticals will engage its faculty/research students/experts in the exploration of the issues pertaining to the UArctic/Northern regions complying with the Blue Economy - Ocean Governance. It may also emphasize on understanding how changing global ecosystems influence industry, socio-economic growth and climate change in the UArctic/Northern region.

5. Further, through international co-operation between the partner countries, research may also be done to focus on the emerging northern issues due to increased human activities which are likely to possess a possible threat for the region.

Feel free to contact IMU for any clarifications.

Thanking You,

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