

SANJAY'S TRAILBLAZING TRIP



Sanjay at Women's College in Shillong

It was a marketing trip of many firsts for our Senior Marketing Officer (India) Sanjay Jain who met with prospective students in the never-before visited Indian cities of Shillong, Guwahati and Mangalore last month.

The most notable response came from Women's College in Shillong, where Sanjay presented to Education students - the first New Zealand institute to do so. The students were fascinated to hear about specialist early childhood qualifications and the range of education roles that NZTC graduates now work in. Many email enquiries were received in the days after the talk.

Overall the interest generated by the trip was very positive, with enquiries for both Teaching and Education stream qualifications. Sanjay also met several students who have already enrolled at NZTC and are preparing to travel to New Zealand this year.

HIGH QUALITY STUDENTS ATTRACTED TO NZTC'S PROGRAMS

One such student is Upasana Sonowal who holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Master of Arts in Linguistics.

Upasana is currently training English teachers in a rural area as part of a government initiative, and will study the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education) to further develop her teaching and leadership skills in an early childhood context.

She chose NZTC because she values the College's specialisation in early childhood education, and eagerly anticipates bringing her husband and child to New Zealand to enjoy its "safety, quality of education and internationally-recognised qualifications."

She would also like to build on her research may consider studying the Master of Education (Early Childhood Education) to pursue her interest in special education.



Upasana and her husband with Sanjay



Shilo Zhang

International marketing officer

Hello, I'm Shilo Zhang and I'm an International Marketing Officer at NZTC. My role is focussed on providing support for international students who are already in New Zealand and want to study at NZTC. I reach out to them through different channels, including working closely with local educational partners and institutes.

A lot of people come to New Zealand with a visitor visa, job search visa or a student visa for other institutes who later on decide to pursue a career in early childhood education through NZTC.

I am here to assist them to explore their options and choose the right program that will satisfy their career goals. As a working holiday visa holder (2012) and international student (2013) myself, I have a personal understanding of international students' concerns and the challenges they face. I'm pleased to have joined a great team at NZTC committed to ensuring our students have a positive experience while studying with us in New Zealand.

EXCELLENT OUTCOMES FOR ECE GRADUATES

The New Zealand government has just released their Occupation Outlook report for 2015, which rates popular occupations on job prospects, projected incomes and training fees. Since last year, early childhood teachers' job prospects remain 'good'. Income has remained close to \$60,000 per year and is significantly above the national

average yearly income. 96% of all graduates from early childhood teacher education qualifications find employment or go on to further study. The full report can be read [HERE](#) and you can even download the Occupation Outlook as an app on your Smartphone.

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