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## NZTC LEADS LIFE-CHANGING INITIATIVES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN INDIA



Click the button to view a video of the beginning of this phenomenal journey.



Over the last year New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) has shared their *Heart* with the people of Ballia in Uttar Pradesh, India. NZTC has progressively undertaken life-changing projects in Ballia - a region of significant need.

Early in 2015 NZTC supported the building of a bridge to unite the people of Rasra, Ballia village, who due to a raging waterway were separated each rainy season for three months of the year. Guided by our College mission, values and commitment to education and children, NZTC wanted to do more and moved on to support phase one of the building of a Christian school initially available for preschool age children to year five.

Jagriti Academy officially opened on 22 November 2015 with much excitement and fanfare. NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox, supported by Brent Simpson (IT Operations Manager), led the school opening with a tree planting, a fitting beginning for a school that translates to 'rise up' in English.

"We shared our NZTC *Heart* through gifting moments together and then through practicalities of a warm shawl for each mother, grandmother, father, grandfather and Jagriti Academy beanies for the children, and finally through sharing a meal with the community. It was as close as I believe I will ever come to a 'loaves and fishes' experience in my life... food appeared seemingly out of nowhere, abundantly, for every single person, baby to elder served with our NZTC *Heart* overflowing," shared Fox.

In partnership with Compassion International (known as Tearfund in NZ), community development projects have also

been incorporated into the school including microenterprise endeavours, daily meals, homework support, Bible studies and church services. The first washroom facilities in the area have been built on the Jagriti Academy site resulting in great excitement for the children and families of the village.

With phase two of Jagriti Academy underway and numerous additional initiatives in the pipeline, NZTC looks forward to continuing to support these empowering initiatives for the people of Ballia.



Selena Fox gifts a shawl to Ballia woman

## NZTC TO VISIT BANGLADESH FOR FIRST TIME

Members of the NZTC India Marketing Team are jubilantly anticipating their upcoming trip to India and Bangladesh where they will visit numerous key cities to meet with prospective students interested in pursuing early childhood education.



Kushala Mahadeshwar and Sanjay Jain

Sanjay Jain and Kushala Mahadeshwar will meet with potential pupils one-on-one to discuss their NZTC study options. Students have the opportunity to move to New Zealand to study as an international student at our Auckland or Christchurch Campus, or remain in India to complete an education qualification.

This first marketing trip for 2016 includes a first for NZTC with the College having not yet visited Bangladesh in person, but Sanjay is looking forward to sharing NZTC's internationally recognised study opportunities with new faces.

Date	City	Staff
10 March	Vadodara	Kushala
11 - 12 March	Ahmedabad	Kushala
14 - 15 March	Cochin	Sanjay
16 - 17 March	Bangalore	Sanjay
18 - 19 March	Hyderabad	Sanjay
21 - 22 March	Delhi	Sanjay
23 - 24 March	Calcutta	Sanjay
26 - 31 March	Bangladesh (Dhaka)	Sanjay

If you have friends or family members in India or Bangladesh who may be interested in studying early childhood education they can eMail or call [kushala.mahadeshwar@nztertiarycollege.in](mailto:kushala.mahadeshwar@nztertiarycollege.in) (+91 88 796 39703) or [sanjay.jain@nztertiarycollege.in](mailto:sanjay.jain@nztertiarycollege.in) (+91 88 796 39704).

### FIVE REASONS TO STUDY A MASTER OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- 1 A Master's qualification increases job opportunities for international students in NZ - [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz)
- 2 Postgraduate research pathways
- 3 Only 18 months to complete
- 4 Work while you study
- 5 NZQA approved, internationally recognised qualification



## MALAYSIA RECOGNISES NZ QUALIFICATIONS

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has recently completed a project with the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) on the comparability of New Zealand and Malaysia's Master's degrees, building on from a project completed in 2012 recognising the comparability of Bachelor's degrees between the two countries.

These comparability projects increase the recognition and portability of qualifications between New Zealand and Malaysia.

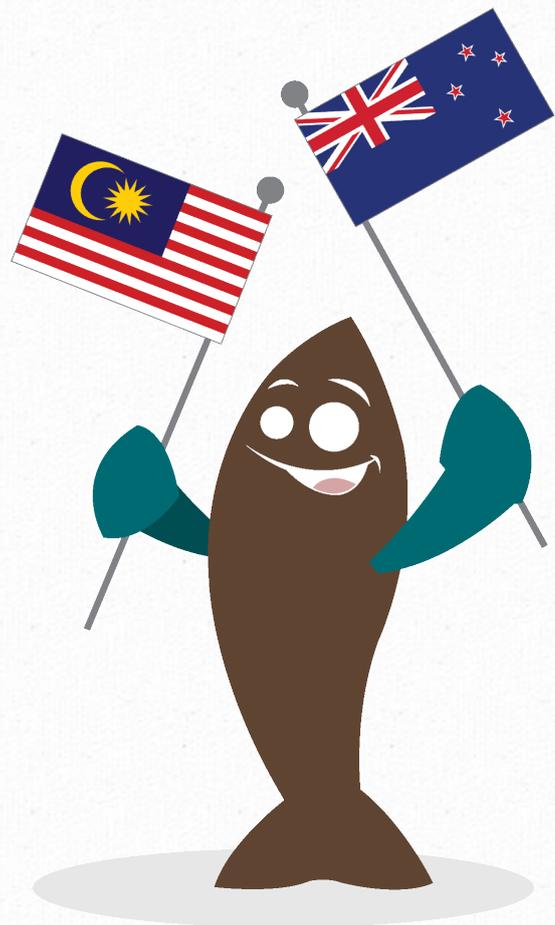
### BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- the provision of reliable information on the comparability of the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in both countries
- support for employers, educational institutions, government agencies and other stakeholders to make judgements about the value and comparability of particular qualifications in practice
- recognition of New Zealand Bachelor's and Master's degrees for employment purposes in the Malaysian public service

These benefits increase New Zealand's attractiveness as a study destination by reducing the barriers to employment for students returning to Malaysia after graduating, and supports the two-way flow of skilled professionals between New Zealand and Malaysia.

NZQA and MQA are currently working on a publication on the comparability of New Zealand and Malaysian Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degrees.

NZTC is looking forward to working more closely with the Malaysian market in the future.



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