

Next Steps-Where Do We Go from Here?

Academia has a long history of coming together, sharing ideas, and leaving participants with no record or idea of what has happened. Participants can expect in the future an email communication of updates to the ISP web site related to the India Global Encounter with full proceedings and related materials.

The China initiative resulted in the quick movement to opening a new office in China without much input from the MSU community. This is not the model we want to continue. With India, we hope to work with Asian Studies Center, MSU-India Council, and others to decide how to move forward. Similarly, we anticipate working collaboratively as we move to working in additional countries, regions or themes that emerge from the Global Encounter process.

Land grant to world grant includes the notion that as a land grant we pioneered having an extension of MSU in every Michigan county. World grant literally would lead us to have a presence in every country. However, this is not possible. President Simon will continue to announce new countries for MSU engagement. It is not likely that these will have an office similar to the China office (costly), but there will be different types of models utilizing alumni, students, faculty, and collaborators. Furthermore, there will be ongoing discussion about how to serve international Indian students, the domestic Indian community, and those who would benefit from a better understanding of the Indian culture.

This material was generated from Global Encounter-India, <<http://www.isp.msu.edu/globalencounter/india>>, held at Michigan State University on September 22, 2006. This interactive and participatory event was designed to obtain input and to elaborate in a country-specific forum on relevant themes, opportunities, issues, and opportunities affecting MSU's current and future engagement in India and to a lesser degree southeast Asia.