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NZTC India celebrates sixth graduation ceremony

The success of 35 early childhood education graduates was celebrated in Mumbai on Sunday 9 October.

New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) India hosted their sixth annual graduation ceremony recognising the hard work of all graduates and their commitment to the college values of Vision, Heart, Competence and Spirit.

A special milestone was also acknowledged with the first Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education) graduate completing their studies. Lynda Chinwe Ubeh is currently working in Nigeria and was unable to attend the ceremony but shared how grateful she was to have had the opportunity to study through NZTC India.

“I found the programme interesting and practical. The lecturers I encountered were very supportive and made the programme worth the time invested. Their valued feedback, constructive criticism, as well as the exchange with other students provided a much needed change in orientation towards early childhood education. I look forward to establishing a practice that builds on the new ideas I gained from the programme,” she said.

Several special commendation award winners were acknowledged at the ceremony. In attendance was Isha Razdan who received Most Outstanding Student for the Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Level 5).

“It was indeed an enriching experience as it educated me on how to bond and connect with children, understand them and interact in a playful yet engrossing manner,” said Razdan. “It has assisted and enabled me to distinguish and identify an absolute educator within myself. Strengthening my approach and belief in education and its magical effect on tender minds.”

Graduate student speaker Jyotsna Singh shared how her career change from banking to early childhood education was influenced by becoming a mother. “Firmly believing that motherhood is not a certification towards understanding children better, I started to work part-time in a play school expecting to contribute and learn,” said Singh.

“One of the best learnings I’ve had is to treat children as individuals and use cultural differences to your benefit. NZTC give you not only ample literature to explore, but enough time and support to guide you through it.”

NZTC India has supported 141 graduates since its inception in 2009 with graduates working in many countries around the world including Sri Lanka, Singapore, China, United Kingdom, Germany, Turkey, USA, Australia, Nigeria, Thailand and New Zealand with their internationally recognised NZTC qualifications.

NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox shared, “From day one in India our college was destined to make an impact on the children of India and indeed the world. We began with dreams for NZTC India, but our graduates have taken that to new levels. In fact the opportunities taken up and doors opened to Indian graduates due to their qualifications simply take our breath away.”

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Selena Fox with graduates