

PRESS RELEASE

DPS GURGAON: INDO-GERMAN STUDENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE-2017

DPS Gurgaon has successfully culminated the twelfth rhythm of the Cultural Exchange Programme with its German partner schools Gymnasium Bei St Michael, Erasmus Widman Gymnasium and Lise Meitner Gymnasium.

This year eighteen German students visited DPS Gurgaon from 17th October to 13th November 2017. They were escorted by their teachers Mr Martin Milich, Mr Christian Gerhard Zierl, Ms Annie Marie Schmid and Ms Verena Hoelzel. The visiting students were hosted by their Indian counterparts who will visit Germany in April-May next year.

The German guests attended school, where their activities were interspersed with yoga, dance, football, self-defence, art and sculpture classes. To get an experience of regular school life at DPS Gurgaon, they attended classes with their partners and interacted with students learning German.

During their stay, the guests along with their partners visited the cities of Jaipur and Agra, the historic monuments in Delhi and the Pepsi Plant at Bhiwadi. Their stay in India and their visits to various places helped them to understand an array of different academic, cultural and social perspectives and also the rich heritage. Their visit coincided with the festival of lights-Diwali, which gave the guest students a glimpse into Indian traditions and family celebrations.

As a culmination to the exchange, an Indo-German cultural evening was organised on 11th November 2017, at DPS Gurgaon, which commenced with the Indian and German anthems sung by the students of both the countries. The Principal, Ms. Aditi Misra expressed joy on the success of the exchange. She thanked the teachers who initiated the exchange, and the parents for being supportive. Mr. Carl Jochen Dill, Head of Educational Services, Goethe Institute, New Delhi graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He wished the exchange scholars good luck and appreciated the long association of the Goethe Institute and the school. The wonderful times spent together were brought to light through heart-warming experiences shared by students from both countries, as well as the parents. A presentation capturing a kaleidoscope of events spoke volumes about the unforgettable moments spent together. The students sang a German song and a medley of popular Hindi songs. A scintillating Bollywood dance was presented which left the audience mesmerised. It was indeed an evening to reminisce, with strong bonds of everlasting friendship.

The German students left India enamoured with the richness of its heritage and warm tradition.

