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Subject: Establishment of the Teahouse / inter Cultural Hub at University of Hyderabad - UoH (Institution of Eminence -IoE Status University), Hyderabad, India

The HARMONY project, co-funded by the Erasmus Programme for Capacity Building in Higher Education, aims to bring together students and academics/academic administrators from Europe and Asia to enhance inter-cultural ethos and understanding as well as promote exchange among various university stakeholders, and to support universities' internationalisation at home (IaH). The key purpose of the project is to build inter-cultural knowledge and instil the spirit of diversity across various communities/groups/classes/ races and ethnicities. One of the tangible outcomes of such an approach is to set up a Teahouse, an intercultural hub at the Office of International Affairs (IOIA), UoH

UoH Teahouse/Intercultural hub was set-up and officially inaugurated on April 11, 2023 at the office of International Affairs (OIA), University of Hyderabad campus as part of the EU Harmony Project by the Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. B. Jagadeeshwar Rao in presence of Prof. Rafael de Miguel González, University of Zaragoza, Spain. The Hub is mandated to build inter-cultural skills and capacities among various stakeholders, especially among students. This would be operationalised through the conducting of various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as campaigns, talks, meetings that address cultural diversities in the country and more specifically in university. Since University of Hyderabad has huge diversity within and among various academic, students and academic administrative communities, the hub/ the teahouse will act as a platform to conduct various activities, both in person and online as well as act as a meeting point for students- foreign and local. The Teahouse would also conduct various activities, such as movie/documentary screening, celebration of flag days, and organisation of talks/debates on key international/national events to mention a few. This is mostly targeted, involving senior students, to orient incoming students and facilitate the cultural immersion for the latter. The winners of Digital Storytelling Competition who are participating in the bootcamp will assist the OIA/UoH Harmony team in the organisation of such activities.

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