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## A TIME TO CELEBRATE - GRADUATION CEREMONY 2012



**“There is a good reason they call these ceremonies 'commencement exercises'. Graduation is not the end, it's the beginning.”**

**- Orrin Hatch (US Senator)**

December 7th 2012 was an evening of celebration for our students, family members and guests who gathered at Novotel for the 2012 Graduation service of RGIT Australia

of Technology (RGIT). The evening was a very appropriate celebration and acknowledgement of the achievements of our graduating students.

The students received a champagne welcome as they mingled with staff and fellow graduates before the ceremony. In an ambient setting, all enjoyed the fine dining service of canapés and beverages provided for this formal event.

throughout the journey of their course. These certificates and awards of achievement will provide them with qualifications to expand further in their chosen professions.

The ceremony was conducted by an enthusiastic emcee, Kaiser, whose humor and professionalism held the attention of all the attendees. The Director of Studies, Lana Harasymiv spoke on her experiences as a student, and of her personal achievements. She provided graduates with insight into the wonderful opportunities ahead, and shared how each of them might harness their qualities for their own success. The Student Administration Manager, Sunny Mali, had a few words of wisdom to offer students.

He congratulated each one on their success and achievements, and thanked them for their contribution as students of RGIT.

The highlight of the evening was a sizzling Bollywood dance performance. The peppy numbers added to the festivities and had the graduates dancing to the current hits.

In the final address, the CEO of RGIT, Mr Chandra Yonzon, while congratulating the graduates, also provided inspiring insight into his personal journey and the determination, hard work and perseverance that is required to achieve your dreams.

Graduation is a time to celebrate success, recognise commitment and prepare students for their “commencement” in a new world. All these graduates have been nurtured by the best of RGIT and are ready to take that next step on their chosen pathways. Ready for the world, we wish all the students the very best in their future endeavors.

**Congratulations to the Graduates of 2012.**



It was a graduation to remember for each student, a day to be recognised for all their hard work and integrity

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## Message from Director of Studies



Dear All,

The New Year has begun. For all of us it is a time of celebration, a time of new beginnings, and time for reflecting on what has been, and what is to come. I do hope that for each of you 2013 will be a time of many blessings and much happiness.

One of the secrets to happiness is to do small things well, and to do one thing at a time. If you try to do too much at the same time, you often end up doing very little. And the result is frustration and dissatisfaction with the way you use your time.

Hence, my advice to you for this year is - enjoy the moment, do one thing at a time and do not think about what else you could be doing.

Only in concentrating on the activity at hand, no matter how small and insignificant it seems, will you learn to appreciate that even the smallest, seemingly most insignificant of activities holds the key to happiness. For in focusing on the task at hand, and in doing it well, you will realise that happiness is derived not from what you do, but how well you do it.

It is in this sense of dedication to doing a job well, no matter how unimportant it seems, that the door to real happiness is unlocked for us. And it is in this same spirit, this spirit of dedication to doing even small jobs well, that I wish you a very happy and blessed New Year.

Regards,  
**Lana Harasymiv**  
Director of Studies

# Congratulations to our Graduates 2012



and more...

# WELCOME TO RGIT AUSTRALIA

*“Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.” - King Whitney Jr.*

It's an exciting time for GIT as we move into a brand new year. As we continue to grow, we strive to remain as adaptable, motivated and responsive to our new employees as we are to our students. We pride ourselves on being “open to new ideas” and focused.

Our organisation is confronting a time of many changes and we're meeting these changes during a time of larger nation-wide and global change. The world of education is an exciting area in which to work, and we'll continue working to ensure our organisation remains at the cutting edge.

We're continuously transforming the way we operate and improving our status as an education provider that stands above the crowd, and our employees and partners have continued to meet the challenges of our field and to excel, despite setbacks.

It is with all these thoughts and after considerable deliberation and consultation that we are pleased to announce that GIT will now be known as RGIT- ROYAL GURKHAS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. We are very proud of where we are today and excited about where we are headed.

RGIT has come a long way since its inception. We have grown in size, as well as in industry recognition. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome our new staff.



**Mr. Muhammad Tauseef**  
Trainer/Assessor & Accounting  
Coordinator

We are equally proud to have on board Mr Muhammad Tauseef who has joined our team as Trainer/Assessor & Accounting Coordinator.

Mr Tauseef brings 14 years of experience in highly responsible marketing roles within several companies. He also worked for seven years in the University as Lecturer and Assistant Professor for BBA and MBA Courses.

For the past six years, Mr Tauseef has been actively involved in the field of Training and Assessment in Victoria. As a Quality Assurance Manager, his contributions towards the program, policies and procedures of the Skills Victoria program have been significant. He is currently working on his PhD.



**Mr. Nicholas Critchell**  
Trainer/Hospitality Coordinator

Our newest member, Nick Critchell, is a soccer fan and Liverpool supporter who enjoys a game of soccer on the weekends and hopes to move into coaching in the near future.

He comes from the hospitality industry where, over the past fifteen years, he has managed everything from bars and gastro pubs in London, to working in various restaurants and cafes. Nick has been in Australia for nine years now. His stint at the iconic “Misschu” on Exhibition Street has been an enjoyable learning exposure and experience.

After three years as a trainer with Academia International and William Angliss, he is now ready to take on the position and responsibilities as a Hospitality Trainer/coordinator at RGIT.

We believe that each employee contributes directly to RGIT's growth and success, and we hope you will take pride in being a member of our team. We hope that your experience here will be challenging, rewarding and enjoyable.

## Introduction and message from Operations and Compliance Manager

First of all, I would like to welcome back all our old students, as well as new members who have chosen RGIT as their education provider. I hope you all had a good break and are set for the new academic term.

My 20 years as an agricultural scientist gave me an enriching opportunity to travel to different countries in Asia, namely Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Philippines and Australia. My earlier involvement in the education sector (Senior Lecturer and Senior Administrator/Manager in Tribhuvan University, Nepal; senior faculty member at the University of Melbourne) certainly assisted my general understanding of the education sector in Australia. The fact that I still hold an Honorary Associate Professor position at the University of Melbourne, an Honorary Professorship in a private educational institutional in Nepal, and supervise Ph.D. students in universities in Bangladesh and Nepal, has also helped me to maintain and develop my interest in, and commitment to, the education sectors in Australia and overseas.

Since September 2012, my current role as Operations and Compliance Manager at RGIT has been a challenging and very rewarding one. Understanding the requirements of the regulatory bodies and academic institutions associated with the VET sector, and implementing the compliance-related policies and procedures in RGIT's administrative and academic issues, has been a new experience for me. Compliance is a very important issue and is a topic of discussion at every VET meeting and workshop.

The highly competitive employment environment in Australia, and

worldwide, has created a demand for highly qualified, top quality students. In order to compete with and maintain RGIT's integrity in the Australian and international educational landscape, it is imperative for us to adhere to and focus on correct compliance procedures in all departments.

As Operations and Compliance Manager, I am committed to working towards achieving our desired goals with the help and support of all, and especially our CEO, Mr Chandra Yonzon, and DOS, Ms Lana Harysymiv.

I look forward to meeting and talking with you - the students of RGIT- in the coming days and to assisting you in whatever ways I can. I would also like to thank you for choosing RGIT as your premium education provider in Australia. I wish you all good luck, and a very productive 2013.

Happy New Year!



**Jagadish Timsina, Ph.D.**  
Operations and Compliance  
Manager

## RGIT E-Learning is a Reality

*Knowledge is one treasure that no one can take away from you. We go to college to learn and gain knowledge which will eventually help us to become professionals.*

**WHAT IF** you no longer needed to spend long periods travelling to a location to attend a course?

**WHAT IF** you could have access to learning whenever you want it, day or night, wherever you want it (at home, at work, in your local library)?

Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology (RGIT) is launching its online learning programs in Term 1, 2013. This is a giant leap towards making learning exciting, engaging and compelling and whereby powerful and enduring learning experiences can be achieved. RGIT will offer a portfolio of courses in Business, Management, Accounting, IT and Hospitality through an online interactive learning platform that will:

- ◆ Organise and present course material that enables students to learn at their own pace
- ◆ Focus on individuals performing better in the workplace and help them build new skills
- ◆ Focus on individuals performing better in the workplace, and help them to build new skills, self-confidence and knowledge
- ◆ Allow for individual assessment of any student's work and allow students who demonstrate their mastery of subjects to earn a certificate of completion



RGIT E-learning can take place anytime, anywhere. RGIT E-learning is standardised too, so every learner has access to the same high quality instruction.

RGIT E-learning eliminates problems associated with different instructors teaching slightly different materials on the same subjects.

RGIT expects that its online learning programs will enhance the educational experience of its on-campus students, offering them online tools that supplement and enrich their classroom experiences.

Take advantage of RGIT E-learning courses. We designed it to help you get the best out of your education.

## NEW NAME FOR GIT AUSTRALIA



The management of Gurkhas Institute of Technology Pty Ltd proudly announces that after extensive market research and consultation with industry professionals, it has been decided to change the Institute's brand name from GIT (Gurkhas Institute of Technology) Australia to RGIT Australia.

RGIT Australia is the abbreviation of Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology (RGIT).

### Inception of Gurkhas Institute of Technology

Gurkhas Institute of Technology (GIT), a Melbourne-based regis-

tered training organisation (RTO), was founded in 2008 to fulfil our vision of providing excellent Vocational Educational Training (VET). Since its inception, GIT has achieved many milestones, including expansion into five different areas of the VET sector, covering 27 different qualifications. In addition, GIT has obtained government approval to deliver VET Fee-Help programs, Skills Victoria-funded courses and has been placed on the RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) Approved Provider list, enabling us to deliver government-funded RPL services to the Victorian business community. More importantly, GIT has gained a strong

reputation, both nationally and internationally, as an ideal place for students to obtain an education that helps them achieve their career goals.

Gurkhas Institute is named in honour of the Nepalese soldiers, the Gurkhas, who made their mark in history and are principally known and acknowledged for their honesty, bravery and loyalty. As the grandson of one such Gurkha soldier, I chose the name of Gurkhas Institute of Technology to help carry on the Gurkha name and to honour the principles for which it stands – honesty and loyalty.

### Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology (RGIT) Australia

Responding to its rapid growth and expansion and, after extensive market research and consultation, Gurkhas Institute is therefore broadening its title to that of ROYAL GURKHAS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. The name,

"RGIT Australia", has been incorporated and will now replace our former name of GIT.

The name change is intended to highlight the services provided by the Gurkhas to the British Empire and to the broader community of Commonwealth nations and to acknowledge the significance of this association.

We are confident that this new name will carry our institute into a new sphere of enhanced vision and integrity that will delight our internal and external stakeholders.

We would therefore like to request all of our students to formally accept and acknowledge our brand name "RGIT Australia". I look forward to your continued support and association.

Regards,

**Mr Chandra Yonzon**  
CEO | RGIT Australia



## NEW ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT RGIT

RTO Manager is our new enterprise management system that is designed especially for managing and maintaining all the information of international (CRICOS) and domestic students (AVETMISS). This is our online and user-friendly portal that gives our team, our students, our trainers and our agents' access to RTO Manager anytime, anywhere, and securely, all over the internet. Below are some of the features and capabilities that RTO Manager that cover every element of our daily activities: student management, compliance (AVETMISS & CRICOS), marketing, finance, course materials, trainer schedules, agent relationships and many more.

### Features and Capabilities:

- Manage student enrollments, courses, student information and many more.
- Enhances student experience.
- Enhances communication capabilities.
- Gives students control and access to administration and course materials.
- Efficient information delivery.
- Online enrolment by student himself/herself.

### Benefits to Students:

- Online enrolment Track assessment due dates.
- Upload assessment onto system.
- Automated confirmation the assessment has been received.
- Access feedback from assessors online.

Registered  
Training  
Organisation  
management  
resources that  
equip you to  
compete,  
comply and  
prevail

## RGIT AUSTRALIA SECURES LINKS WITH UNIVERSITIES FOR 2013

As a result of a great deal of hard work during 2012, Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology (RGIT) has now established articulation arrangements with several Australian universities. These arrangements will provide RGIT students with access to university courses along with a reduced length of study for students wishing to complete university degrees.

Universities included in our new arrangements include Central Queensland University (CQU), Charles Sturt University (CSU), Griffith University and the Australian Technical and Management College (ATMC) based in Melbourne, Geelong and Ballarat. The arrangements with Griffith University are a little different from the others in that they simply contain credit exemptions for any RGIT students who will apply to Griffith University with Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications from RGIT.

Basically, the higher the level of study achieved at RGIT, the greater the saving of study duration for a degree at one of the universities.



### Central Queensland University (CQU)

CQU articulations include RGIT

**Advanced Diploma of Hospitality** being accepted as multiple-subject credit entry to the **Bachelor of Business** and **Bachelor of Hospitality Management**, as well as the **Diploma of Hospitality** being accepted for the same courses (with fewer subject credits). The **Advanced Diploma of Accounting** has subject credits for the **Bachelor of Accounting** and **Bachelor of Business (10 units)**, and the **Diploma of Information Technology (Software)** has subject credits into the **Bachelor of Information Technology** at CQU. In summary, Advanced Diploma standing from RGIT provides a one year credit exemption into CQU.

**Total points credited to RGIT students for this Course = 24**

2. Bachelor of Computer Studies (Business) (3 years) reduced by 1.5 terms with RGIT Diploma in Information Technology

**Total points credited to RGIT students for this Course = 24 (1.5 terms)**

3. Bachelor of Information Technology (Business Services) (4 years) reduced by three terms with RGIT Diploma in Information technology.

**Total points credited to RGIT students for this Course: 48 (3 terms)**

4. Bachelor of Information Technology (3 years) reduced by one year with RGIT Diploma in Information technology.

**Total points credited to RGIT students for this Course: 64 (1 year)**

Students with grades averaging at 80% or higher are eligible for a CSU scholarship.



### Griffith University

Griffith University will grant credit exemptions for up to one year of the course for RGIT courses such as the Diploma of Business. In the case of several other courses in Business, Accounting, Information Technology and Hospitality, students will gain a minimum of six months' credit, up to one of credit, depending on the course completed and the course being applied for at Griffith University.



### Charles Sturt University (CSU)

Course credits reduce study time and provide entry for RGIT students undertaking the following CSU courses:

1. Bachelor of Computer Science ( normally 3 years) reduced by 1.5 terms with RGIT Diploma in Information Technology



### ATMC, Ballarat University and Charles Darwin University

Through our association with ATMC, RGIT students will be able to articulate into these universities also in the near future. Negotiations regarding these arrangements are still under way but an "in principle" agreement has been reached.