

**Dhillon Marty Foundation Community Week 2014:  
Inclusive Society – Its rights and duties**

Dhillon Marty Foundation announces the successful completion of its third annual conference '*Dhillon Marty Foundation Community Week 2014: Inclusive Society-its rights and duties*'. This year's conference was held in Punjab, India, from September 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, with the participation of about 50 people, including faculty and students, from Japan, the United States and India. References to previous Community Week conferences, 2012 and 2013, are available on the foundation's website. *Photo Gallery* page: <http://www.dhillonmarty.org/blog/photo-gallery/>

We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Karan Avtar Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of Investment Promotion, Punjab, who made possible the tour of Punjab. Tour of Chandigarh was facilitated by Mr. Anil Kumar, Home Secretary, Chandigarh. They were extremely helpful in facilitating the visit of our international delegation. Such education and cultural exchanges enhance the image of the states for business investments as well.

***September 1 and 2 Chandigarh.***

**September 1:**

- Visit to Sector 8 Gurdwara and Lungar for lunch on the Guru Granth Sahib Day.
- Arrival of international participants and welcome dinner.

**September 2:**

- 'Walkathon', started at 5:30 am from UT Guest house to Bougainvillea Garden, picking up garbage along the way. Good way to start the day with some exercise and social responsibility. Our international delegation was joined by some local volunteers. We should all feel responsible for keeping our surroundings clean by not trashing public places. There is no shame in picking up rubbish to keep our city clean, where we live, just the way we keep our houses clean. We do not spend all our time inside the boundary walls of our homes, so let's keep all the places clean just like our homes as we spend more awaking hours outside of our houses.
- City tour to visit Le Corbusier's museum and works.
- Town Hall Discussion on 'Town Planning for an Inclusive Society', Chandigarh College of Architecture.

***September 3: Overnight stay at Punjab Public School, Nabha***

- Visit to Fatehgarh Sahib Gurdwara, Sirhind, and Patiala.
- Meeting with the Principal of Multani Mal Modi College and his team of students and faculty for lunch at Qila (Fort) Mubarak.
- Horse riding demonstration, Giddha and Bhangra followed by dinner at the Punjab Public School, Nabha.



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### *September 4:*

- Panel discussion on higher education in Japan and the US with high school students of PPS Nabha.
- Visit to Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Police Academy, Phillaur. Tent pegging demonstration and afternoon tea thanks to Mr. L.K. Yadav, IPS, IGP-cum-Addl. Director Punjab Police Academy.

### *September 5 to 9: Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar*

#### **September 5:**

- Workshop teams selection and first pin-up for Toilet Design Competition. See attached description of the design challenge statement: **Public Toilets, a Civic Necessity**  
(<http://www.dhillonmarty.org/community-week-2014-inclusive-society-its-rights-and-duties-2/2014-design-challenge-public-toilets-a-civic-necessity/>)

#### **September 6:**

- Visit to Khalsa Public School.
- Visit to Khalsa College.
- Press conference with local media, Circuit House.
- Japanese animation movie screening in collaboration with the Japan Foundation.
- Japanese Tea Ceremony demonstration by Prof. Dr. Miwako Hosada, Vice-President of Seisa University, Japan.

#### **September 7:**

- Toilet Design Competition Workshop.
- Associate Professor Jun Sato's pavilion workshop.
- Cultural program with traditional Punjabi dances and music.

#### **September 8:**

- Associate Professor Jun Sato's pavilion workshop completion.
- Screening of Horse documentary '*Horse Riding, a Punjabi Birthright*' by Dhillon Marty Foundation.
- Visit to village Pul Kanjari.
- Visit to Wagah Border to see the Change of Guard Ceremony.

#### **September 9:**

- Toilet Design Competition presentations and judging.
- Visit to Khalsa College with French Ambassador Mr. Francois Richier and Prof. Kengo Kuma.
- Visit to the Golden Temple.
- Symposium and announcement of competition awards: Guru Nanak Auditorium.



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**Keynote speeches:** Mr. Karan Avtar Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of Investment Promotion, Punjab; French Ambassador, Mr. Francois Richier; Prof. Kengo Kuma, The University of Tokyo, and Sonia Dhillon-Marty, President, Dhillon Marty Foundation.

**COMPETITION JURY:** French Ambassador Francois Richier; Mr. Karan Avtar Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of Investment Promotion, Punjab; Prof. Dr. Yuko Hayashi, Yamaguchi University, Japan; Prof. Kengo Kuma, The University of Tokyo, Japan; Prof. Dr. Miwako Hosoda, Vice-President of Seisa University, Japan; Sonia Dhillon-Marty, President, Dhillon Marty Foundation.

### AWARDS:

**BEAUTY** Award: Beauty is goodness, awarded to the best design, pure and simply for its beauty.

**CITIZEN** Award: Global citizen for local impact awarded to a design that best answers the social needs.

**SUSTAINABLE** Award: Awarded to a design that proposes the best economically and environmentally sustainable solution for generations to come.

### IMAGE GALLERY:

September 1



Caravan for Chandigarh tour, Courtesy of Home Secretary, Chandigarh.



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Meet and greet: welcome dinner and self-introductions

## September 2

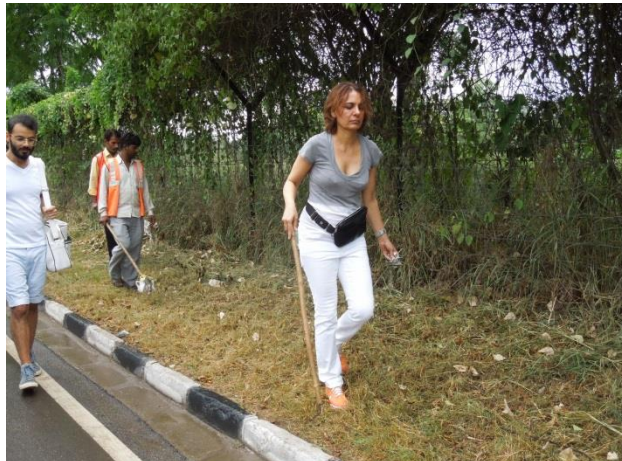
The first day of the conference started at 5:30 am, with a walk to Bougainvillea Garden from the UT Guest House. The objective of this action was to raise awareness about the importance of maintaining clean surroundings for the well-being of all citizens. There is nothing shameful in collecting garbage, it is much worse to sit and do nothing about it.

Chandigarh is famous around the world due to its designer, Le Corbusier. As most of the participants were students of architecture, they showed special interest in the city's infrastructure.

In addition, participants also had the opportunity to experience Lungar at a Gurdwara in Sector 8 upon their arrival on September 1.

To close the first day, a Town Hall Discussion took place at Chandigarh School of Architecture to exchange opinions about how to plan an inclusive town. An inclusive society is where all its citizens have the ability to fulfill their potential while keeping in balance individual needs with the needs of the society at large. There are limited resources, which have to be managed and allocated with the optimal return for all.

(<http://www.dhillonmarty.org/community-week-2014-inclusive-society-its-rights-and-duties-2/>).







Picking up garbage during our morning walk to Bougainvillea Garden



City tour to see Le Corbusier's works



Visit to Sector 8 Gurdwara in Charndigarh and experiencing Lungar for lunch on September 1, 2014



Town Hall Discussion, Chandigarh College of Architecture

### September 3

On the way to our second destination, the delegation stopped at Sirhind to visit the Fatehgarh Sahib Gurdwara, where participants learned about the history of the martyrdom of the sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. It was also interesting to see how they picked on the role of water for purification, when you enter the Gurdwara and the adjoining sarovar (public bath pond).

The second stop took place in Patiala, with a walk through the 'Patiala Heritage Walk'. The group was greeted by the Principal of Multani Mal Modi College, Dr. Khushvinder Kumar and his students and faculty at Qila (Fort) Mubarak for lunch. It is important to remark that Multani Mal Modi College also participated in the conference in Amritsar which included the following members of the faculty: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry and Mr. Inderpreet Singh Grover, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, and additionally, students Kuldeep Singh, Jaskaran Singh Bedi and Khushal Singla, filmed the conference activities, so they could be shared with all of the students of the Modi College. The team will work with Sonia Dhillon-Marty to create a public awareness campaign on sanitation.

Upon arrival at Punjab Public School, participants were warmly received by Headmaster Dr. Jagpreet Singh. Students of the School presented their outstanding riding skills to a surprised audience. The evening concluded with a competition of traditional Punjabi dances.



Punjab Bus Tour Courtesy of Invest Punjab,  
Punjab Government



Visit to Fatehgarh Sahib Gurdwara, Sirhind





Patiala 'Heritage Walk' at Qila (fort) Mubarak



Punjab Public School, Nabha



'Horse riding' with some help, Univ. of Tokyo student



Cultural presentation, Punjabi traditional dance competition at PPS, Nabha

## September 4

Before leaving Punjab Public School, the delegation attended the morning assembly and participating faculty and students talked about their respective institutions and experiences of studying abroad. The objective was to share with the PPS Nabha students on how to apply to many top international Universities from around the world.

In the afternoon, the group visited Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Police Academy, Phillaur. The delegation was impressed by the skills of the riders during the tent pegging demonstration.



Talk with PPS students about studying abroad



Tent pegging demonstration, Punjab Police Academy, Phillaur,



Talk with Mr. L.K. Yadav, IPS, IGP-cum-Addl. Director



Opinion exchange in Director Mr. L.K. Yadav's office

## September 5

In the morning, the delegation met with Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ajaib Singh Brar and Registrar Dr. Sharanjit Singh Dhillon to open the final session of the conference at Guru Nanak Dev University.

Once the design competition teams were selected, students started to work intensively in their respective projects. In the evening the first pin-up for the competition was held with the presence of all the following international faculty members: Associate Professor Jun Sato, The University of Tokyo; Professor Howard Davis, Oregon University; Associate Professor Teppei



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Fujiwara, Yokohama University; Lecturer Beverly Choe, Stanford University; and Assistant Professor Ko Nakamura, The University of Tokyo.



Sonia Dhillon-Marty, President, Dhillon Marty Foundation,  
VC Dr. Ajaib Singh Brar, Registrar Dr. Sharanjit Singh Dhillon



First pin-up, design competition workshop

### September 6

The day started early with a visit to Khalsa Public School, to attend the morning assembly. The delegation was warmly received by teachers and students. We were all impressed at how village students had prepared a magnificent morning, which even included a dance performance with Japanese flavor. The morning continued with a visit to Khalsa College, where participants admired the magnificent architecture of the institution.

In the afternoon, participating faculty and special guests attended a press conference held at the Circuit House, where Professor Dr. Kaoru Yamanouchi, The University of Tokyo, Chemistry Department, explained that they have started a program where international students can attend The University of Tokyo after spending the first two years at their local university. The program is taught in English, and the University of Tokyo will provide full scholarship with housing and living allowance to the foreign students on fully merit based admission. This is an extraordinary chance for top students to gain world class education at no cost. This is a great time for Indian students' career prospects as well given Japanese companies will roll out the red carpets to Indians with education from top Japanese institutions to run their Indian operations. The current strong push for Japanese investments in India is the right time for bright Indian students to build a bright future for themselves.

The day finished with the screening of a Japanese animation film in collaboration with the Japan Foundation, and a Japanese tea ceremony demonstration carried out by Prof. Dr. Miwako Hosoda, Vice-President of Seisa University, Japan, with the assistance of Prof. Dr. Yuko Hayashi, Yamaguchi University, Japan. It was rewarding to see the interest shown by the Indian students and audience in general. All were lining up to taste the tea.





Visit to the Khalsa College Public School



Visit to the Khalsa College, Amritsar



Press conference at the Circuit House, Amritsar



Japanese animation movie screening



Japanese Tea Ceremony demonstration by Prof. Dr. Miwako Hosoda

## September 7

On September 6, Guru Nanak Dev University students also joined the international student teams to design toilets. International students and local students were so excited to work together. For GNDU students, it was a very first experience. Local students became the guides for their visiting friends to explore the city and its slums to research the sanitation issues.



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The team sizes grew, and the students continued to work on their respective projects. Associate Professor Jun Sato, The University of Tokyo, started his pavilion workshop with the help of students. They went to buy local materials to build the pavilion, based on the designs in progress for the public toilets. The day concluded with a Punjabi cultural program, put together by colleges of Guru Nanak Dev University and Khalsa College, Amritsar, at Guru Nanak Bhawan.



Toilet Design Competition Workshop



Assoc. Prof. Jun Sato's pavilion workshop



Khalsa College, Amritsar, Bhangra Team. Punjabi Cultural Program at Guru Nanak University.

## September 8

Completion of Associate Professor Jun Sato's pavilion.

'Horse Riding, a Punjabi Birthright' documentary screening. This documentary, produced by Sonia Dhillon-Marty, aims at sharing the history and present day passion for horses in Punjab. The object is to share such rich heritage with the youth to help them find more productive outlets to exercise their mind and body, and not be lost to drugs.

In the afternoon, the group headed towards the border with Pakistan. The first stop was the village Pul Kanjari, located midway between Lahore and Amritsar. There, participants admired the magnificent historic Sarovar (pond), built during the Mughal Period. We also went to the border post where green fields are separated into two countries by a barbed wire fence. Historic Baradari of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Ji lays in ruins.

The tour continued towards the Wagah Border, to see the Change of Guard Ceremony before the sunset.





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Assoc. Prof. Jun Sato's finished pavilion



Sonia Dhillon-Marty & Ambassador F. Richier



Sonia Dhillon-Marty & Assoc. Prof. Jun Sato



'Horse Riding, a Punjabi Birthright' documentary screening



Visit to Village Pul Kanjari





Wagah Border, Change of Guard Ceremony

### September 9

The day started with the presentation of toilet designs by each team, followed by questions, answers and judging. Associate Professor Jun Sato presented his pavilion to the distinguished guests and participants.

After the jury made their selection, there was a second visit to the Khalsa College with French Ambassador Francois Richier, Prof. Kengo Kuma, Prof. Dr. Yuko Hayashi and Prof. Dr. Miwako Hosoda. The morning concluded with a visit to the Golden Temple.

The conference concluded with a symposium at the Guru Nanak Bhawan. Keynote speakers: Sonia Dhillon-Marty, President, Dhillon Marty Foundation; French Ambassador, Francois Richier; Principal Secretary Karan Avtar Singh, Department of Investment Promotion, Punjab; and Prof. Kengo Kuma, The University of Tokyo.

The design competition awards were handed to each team by Prof. Dr. Yuko Hayashi, Yamaguchi University, Japan.

Sonia Dhillon-Marty explained why she chose the topic of Inclusive Society, Its Rights and Duties. "Every year we take a topic most relevant to our host country. Guru Nanak brought the concept of inclusive society to Punjab in the 15<sup>th</sup> century way before it became popular idea in the western world. Punjab and India can lead the world on building a society that is rich with many languages, ethnic groups while living in harmony." See the attached right-ups: *Community Week 2014: Inclusive Society-its rights and duties, Introduction*; and *Dhillon Marty Foundation Community Week 2014 Design Statement: Public Toilets, a civic necessity*. She also invited French Ambassador Francois Richier to the conference, to explain how Sikhs have a rich history with the French and they are very much welcomed in France. This is not only part of the charter of Dhillon Marty Foundation to build better understanding between the nations for a harmonious global society, but French and Sikh understanding is especially close to her heart as her husband is French. She spends a lot of her time with her two daughters and her husband in France as well. Prof. Kengo Kuma, eminent world renowned architect brought the house to stand still with his presentation of his poetic building designs.

On the last day, Prof. Dr. Yuko Hayashi, Yamaguchi University, and Prof. Dr. Miwako Hosoda, Vice-President of Seisa University, prepared a survey intended to collect information about the conference from participating students which will be a great asset in the planning of our next year's conference.





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Design competition presentations and judging



Ambassador F. Richier, Sonia Dhillon-Marty, Prof. Kengo Kuma



Design workshop participants and jury



Visit to Khalsa College with Amb. F. Richier and Prof. Kengo Kuma



Visit to the Golden Temple



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Symposium keynote speeches



Ambassador Francois Richier, France.



Sonia Dhillon-Marty, President, Dhillon Marty Foundation



Dr. Karan Avtar Singh, Principal Secretary



Symposium



Prof. Kengo Kuma's presentation, The University of Tokyo



Design competition awards handed by Prof. Dr. Yuko Hayashi

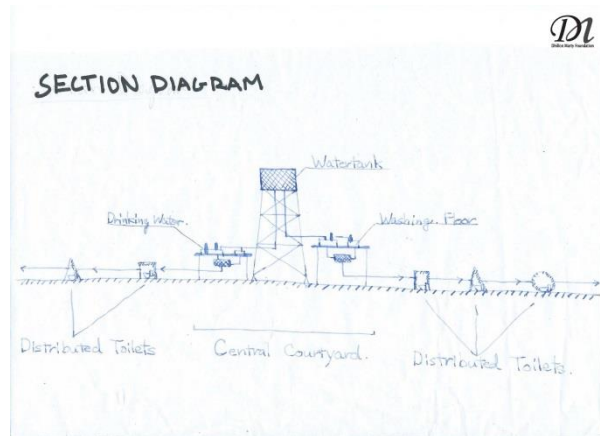


Conference participants, students and professors

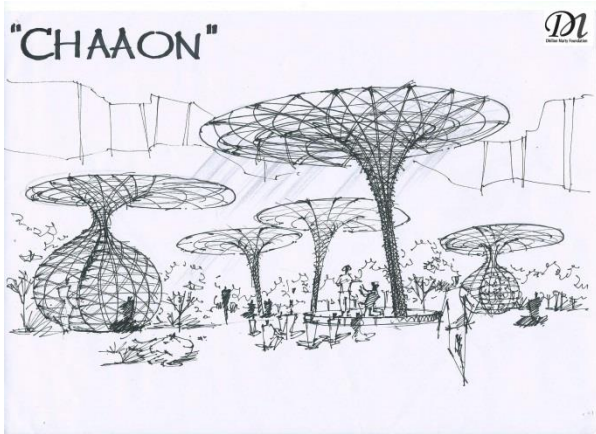
## Toilet Designs



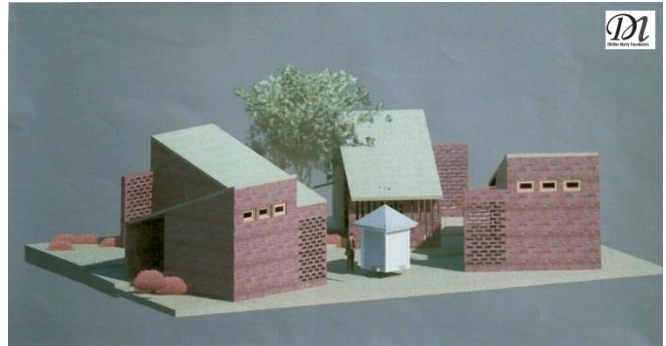
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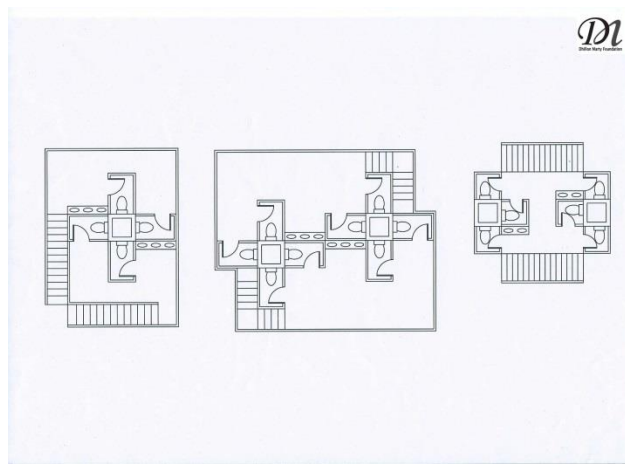
Team 2



Team 3



Team 4



Team 5

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