

Joint delegation from US, Japan visits city

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A joint delegation of educationists from the United States and Japan are on a 10-day visit to Punjab as a part of the Dhillon Marty Foundation Community Week, organised every year. The delegates visited Khalsa College and Guru Nanak Dev University here today.

Faculty members from renowned universities, including Universities of Stanford, Oregon, Rhode Island of the USA and Universities of Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan, are part of the delegation.

Coordinator of the delegation, Sonia Dhillon Marty, said the visit was a part of their programme for studying cultures and educational instruction methods used around the world.

Delegates also took a round of the historic Khalsa College along with the Principal, Dr Mehal Singh. They praised the architectural design of the college.

Sonia said, "The Dhillon Marty Foundation is organising Community Week for the last three consecutive years for which a different country is chosen each year. Earlier, the Community Week was held in the USA and Japan."

She said the foundation would be holding design competitions to choose the best sanitation designs suiting local needs. During this year's community week they were focusing on sanitation facilities in Punjab, she added.

She said the foundation provides opportunities for artists, architects and designers to contribute to society by participating in different projects, promotes social transformation through action,



A delegation of educationists from the US and Japan visit the city as part of the Dhillon Marty Foundation Community Week on Saturday. A Tribune Photograph

leadership and generosity and supports the exploration of best practices. This year the foundation was studying the problems relating to sanitation in Punjab and trying to find out their solution, she added.

Later, speaking at a press conference, faculty members from University of Tokyo, Prof Kengo Kuma, Associate Prof Jun Sato, Asst Prof Ko Nakamura, Associate Prof Yuko Hayashi from Yamaguchi University, Prof Miwako Hosoda from Seisa University and Associate Prof Teppei Fujiwara from Yokohama National University, shared their experiences about their visits to various monuments in Punjab.

The faculty members from University of Tokyo said Guru Nanak Dev University and Khalsa College were discussing the possibility of sending students, who topped in chemistry, from both the institutions to Japan. Prof Kengo Kuma said the programme would be in the form of a full scholarship, which would also cover all living expenses.

