

To

The R P Anand Virtual Centre of International Law
Bi-Annual Essay Competition

This is with reference to the above Essay Competition. I have great pleasure in recommending the essay written by Mr. Sumit Sonkar who is a student of Master of Laws (LL.M) in the South Asian University (SAU). The title of the essay is "Creation and Management of University Industry Collaborations in South Asia"

This essay probes into the University industry collaborations. The essay points out that Universities of South Asia are producing high quality world class research which is generally published in scientific journals. Too much emphasis on publication hinders its translation into products and processes, resultantly devoiding the society from its economic and societal advantages. Therefore, to spur creativity and innovation, Universities have to shed their traditional role of merely imparting education and become important economic institutions in order to contribute in the country's growth and development. It is pertinent that Universities should collaborate with industries to enhance the dissemination of research and its development which can foster the economic development of the South Asian countries. With the increasing technological advancements and its impacts on economy, South Asian countries should not lag behind in bringing uniform and transparent University Industry collaboration policy which is rapidly becoming a practice across the world. This essay highlights the importance of University Industry collaboration, its ramifications and the progress made by the South Asian countries in this direction.

I have gone through the essay and felt that it attempts to assimilate intellectual property law with contemporary public international law to minimize the existing gap. The student has made an attempt to address legal issues by referring to various international legal resources. Considering these, I am happy to recommend this essay for the competition and wish him all the best,

With warm regards

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