SMU, Tata group tie up to facilitate research & executive education

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THE TATA group signed an MoU with the Singapore Management University (SMU) to encourage the nature and scope of engagements between the Tata group and SMU in various areas of partnerships including internships, research and executive education. The MoU was signed by R Gopalakrishnan, executive director, Tata Sons and Prof Howard Hunter, president, SMU.

SMU is also in discussions with other companies for entering into internship arrangements, but the partnership with the Tata group is special as it is more than just about getting summer jobs for the students. As per the terms of the agreement signed between the Tata group's HR and SMU, the students will not just be offered internship opportunities for the various companies of the Tata group, but also identify the areas of mutual interest in research engagements, identify mutually beneficial opportunities for executive education for Tata managers and identify possibilities of mutually beneficial engagements vis-a-vis SMU faculty at the TMTC and vice-versa. "The wide cultural mix at SMU provides a window to the group to work with diversity in a very operational sense," said Mr Gopalakrishnan.

Several SMU students have already done internship with various companies of the Tata group. Discussions are on currently to absorb some of these interns into the company. As for SMU students, it gives them an opportunity to work in India, one of the most exciting markets in the world today as also with the diverse Tata group. "We hope that our intellectual resources can benefit the Tata group," said Mr Hunter. SMU is the third and youngest university in Singapore.