

# Entrepreneurs from world's factory take lessons here

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**Ahmedabad:** Chinese, who have usurped major market-share worldwide, are looking at Ahmedabad to hone their entrepreneurial skills. A delegation had visited from China to attend a programme on entrepreneurship at Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI).

“We learnt that Gujarat is the centre of entrepreneurial activities in India because of the entrepreneurial spirit among the people here as well as other geographical factors like its long coastline and a strong initiative from the state government. So it was just appropriate for us to associate with EDI in Gujarat and learn about entrepreneurship

from the institute,” said Zhou Chang Chung, deputy dean of faculty of Management and Economics at Kunming University of Science Technology in the Yunnan province in China.

Chung was taking part in a faculty development programme in entrepreneurship at EDI along with associate professors at Kunming University of Science Technology Xiong Bin and Fuhong in December 2011.

“We do not have a structured programme solely dedicated to entrepreneurship in our university yet. So we want to learn from EDI on how to develop such a model for our students. At the moment, we offer entrepreneurial courses to our students,



Chinese entrepreneurs at EDI

as a part of other subjects, only in the final year of the four-year programme,” said Bin.

Highlighting classroom features that were interesting to them, Bin

said: “We are impressed with the dynamic interaction between students and faculties in the classrooms in India. We notice that there is rigorous interaction, discussion and exchange of knowledge and experience among students as well as between students and faculties.”

The delegates also pointed out that the functioning of institutes like EDI, which act as a bridge between the government and the enterprises, is a very interesting system.

“We are looking forward to have faculty and students exchange between our university and EDI so that we can learn from each other. We are also proposing to set up a joint research centre with EDI at our University,” said Bin.