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## INTERNATIONAL ECE EXPERT IMPARTS KNOWLEDGE TO NZTC STAFF

International distance learning and technology in early childhood expert Dr Chip Donohue recently travelled from the United States to New Zealand to present exclusive professional development workshops for NZTC's academic team in Auckland and Christchurch.



Chief Executive Selena Fox and Dr Chip Donohue

Academic staff engaged in insightful, thought-provoking discussions with Dr Donohue and with each other about 'Trends and Best Practices in Teaching and Learning Online: Building Relationships and Creating Community through Presence, Voice and Story'.

"Online learning is a way of communication that's still quite different to what we're used to, so there is always room for growth and advancing our existing knowledge," said Dr Donohue.

"Creating a social environment online where students can engage within a community and form reciprocal relationships is key," he said.

Topics that were explored during the workshop include current trends in technology and education, learner

preferences in the 21st century, and technology-mediated online learning to prepare teachers for the digital age classroom.

NZTC regularly hosts professional development opportunities featuring expert presenters so staff are enabled to provide the college's students with the best possible support and guidance during their studies.

The next professional development opportunity is scheduled to be hosted in April, when staff will further their knowledge of the recent changes and updates to NZ's early childhood curriculum Te Whāriki.

*Dr Chip Donohue is the Dean of Distance Learning and Continuing Education, and Director of the Technology in Early Childhood Centre at the Erikson Institute in Chicago, USA. He played an integral role in the development of NZTC's online learning management system NZTC Online.*



### NZTC PROGRAMS RECOGNISED IN GERMANY

New Zealand Tertiary College's early childhood education degrees have been recognised within Germany!

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) nominated NZTC to be listed on Anabin – the German higher education database and website that shares international tertiary institutions offering recognised BA/MA courses that German universities can partner with.

This means our students now have the ability to study and work in Germany, or further their study at a German university.

## NZTC READY TO SHARE PROGRAMS ACROSS THE GLOBE

2018 is in full swing and NZTC's International Team are preparing to head to Africa and Asia in February and March.

NZTC is travelling to South Africa for the first time, where International Marketing Officer Zina Titus, who hails from Cape Town, will introduce educational partners and prospective students in the country's major cities to the college's study opportunities.

During her trip she'll be joining Overseas Visitors Club for their New Zealand Study Roadshow in Durban (8 February), Johannesburg (10 February) and Cape Town (11 February).

"South Africans looking for a stable and prosperous country to study in will find New Zealand offers all of that and more," said Zina.

"By choosing NZTC in New Zealand they'll be studying practical programs with good employment outcomes, so they will be well-placed for careers in an exciting field in this beautiful country," she explained.

NZTC India Marketing Manager Sanjay Jain is heading to six North Indian cities in February, where attending IDP's education fairs in Jalandhar (10 February), Chandigarh (11 February), Ludhiana (12 February) and Delhi (17 February) is on his itinerary.

"We hope to inspire prospective students with our extensive range of programs and study pathways to suit individuals' needs," said Sanjay.

NZ based Marketing Manager Sanil Haria is looking forward to returning to his home city of Mumbai in February to support the NZTC India office before travelling throughout India to meet with key educational partners.

Sanil will then journey to Malaysia, where he'll visit the college's local partner institutions Methodist College and Dika College as he shares NZTC's study opportunities in Kuala Lumpur and Kuching.

"I look forward to visiting Malaysia every time. Apart from meeting warm and friendly locals, I always love eating Malaysian food, doing some shopping on Petaling Street and going for a morning run along the Sarawak River," said Sanil.

He'll be rounding off his trip with a visit to the Philippines where, along with meeting educational partners and local partner institutions, he'll be representing the college at an Education New Zealand Agent Seminar & Workshop in Manila (20 March).



### South Africa

City	Date
Durban	6 – 8 Feb
Johannesburg	9 – 10 Feb
Cape Town	11 – 14 Feb



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### India

City	Date
Chandigarh	8, 11, 14 – 15 Feb
Jalandhar	9 – 10 Feb
Ludhiana	12 – 13 Feb
Delhi	16 – 19 Feb
Noida	20 Feb
Gurgaon	21 Feb



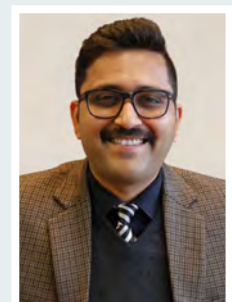
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### India, Malaysia, Philippines

City	Date
Mumbai	26 Feb – 1 Mar
Pune	5 Mar
Ahmedabad	6 Mar
Anand and Vadodara	7 Mar
Hyderabad	8 Mar
Kuala Lumpur	12 – 13 Mar
Kuching	15 – 16 Mar
Manila	19 – 22 Mar
Cebu	23 Mar



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## FILIPINO STUDENT ENRICHED THROUGH NZTC STUDY JOURNEY

Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE) student Ann-Marie Arellano shares how studying with NZTC has empowered her as an early childhood teacher in New Zealand.

### What spurred you to move to New Zealand to study early childhood education with NZTC?

When I first visited New Zealand on a holiday back in 2011, I instantly fell in love with this beautiful country and its wonderful people. So I did some research and came across NZTC and discovered their Postgraduate Diploma in Education (ECE) program, which seemed tailor-made for me.

### What were you doing before studying with NZTC?

I have been in the early childhood field since 2001 and since then my passion and dedication for teaching and learning with (and from) young children has never wavered. Right before I left the Philippines, I had the privilege of teaching swimming and yoga to children with different abilities and diverse needs.

### How has NZTC supported you throughout your studies?

I appreciate the NZTC Online portal because it has allowed me to study at my own pace. It was great discussing and sharing ideas and experiences with people from different cultures who share the same passion in education. I particularly like the online library and the free access to EBSCO research databases and journals like He Kupu, which provided me with multiple sources and literature to support my essays and research papers. The lecturers were very supportive during my studies as they addressed my queries regarding my assessments, and I received quick support from the IT department as well as the college librarian. Pastoral Support was always approachable and very supportive as well.



Ann-Marie Arellano reading to a child at her centre

### You are studying the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE). What have you most enjoyed about this program?

I enjoyed my field work and the three intensive practicums I did in various centres – I was able to apply the pedagogies and theories that I have learned from my NZTC qualifications. I also feel happy because I have become an active and empowered member of the learning community. This enriching experience has taught me to respect others' views, appreciate differences, learn from each other, and to continue to be authentic and reflective in my teaching and learning journey – for the best interests of the tamariki (children).

### How is the approach to ECE in NZ different and/or similar to that in the Philippines?

The Philippines' curriculum is child-centred and play-based, similar to NZ's Te Whāriki. We also believe in the value of play in a child's holistic learning and growth, as she/he learns to explore, experiment, investigate, take risks, interact, share, and cooperate with others. The main difference is that cultural diversity is more evident in NZ.

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