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Grant Brings Students from India to the United Nations

The PMI Educational Foundation's (PMIEF) 2014 grant to the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) recently culminated with a special event at the United Nations headquarters in New York, New York, USA. The grant, which funded an initiative called Mission Possible, helped integrate project management into secondary school curricula in Hyderabad and Bangalore, India, reaching an estimated 300 students. Program participants ideated and implemented socially conscious projects while learning the importance of global citizenship and international cooperation.

Held in August 2016, the Mission Possible conference convened students and their teacher advisors from Meridian Banjara Hills and Gitanjali Senior School, both located in Hyderabad. Students showcased their innovative projects, which included a water consumption and waste reduction initiative, a library at a low-income school and a women's safety campaign. In addition to sharing their projects with one another, students strengthened their understanding of project management, sustainable development and impact assessment.

"Mission Possible encourages young people's civic engagement by asking

them to examine global and local issues to help build a better world by creating projects that tackle some of the issues that are most important to them and their community," said PMIEF Board Director Allan Mills, MPM, SPC4, PMI-ACP, PMP. "The opportunity for them to not only acquire project management skills but to also thoughtfully apply them through these projects allows them to make a meaningful contribution to society."

Students also attended the International Youth Day celebration at the United Nations during their visit, where they heard from Ahmad Alhendawi, the

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How to Enhance the Project Management Maturity of an Organization

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17 November, 3:00 p.m. EDT (UTC -5)

Project HEADWAY: BAs, PMs and Other Acronyms

Business analysis and project management are now frequently discussed in the same sentence. To what extent should they be? Are they allied disciplines? Or overlapping ones? Presented by Mark Mullaly, PhD, PMP.

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secretary-general's envoy on youth. The group followed its visit to New York City with a trip to Washington, D.C., USA to visit national landmarks.

WFUNA, recognizing PMIEF's support of the India program, recently launched Mission Possible in five secondary schools in Yerevan, Armenia. WFUNA Secretary-General Bonian Golmohammadi and Director of Sustainable Development Mari Ullman highlighted the organization's use of PMIEF's Project Management Toolkit for Teachers™ no-cost educational resource to create the Mission Possible curriculum. In addition, Thomas Mazejian, PMP, PMI Armenia

Potential Chapter founder and leader, helped welcome more than 100 students and their teachers during the two-day workshop.

"Mission Possible strategically integrates project management into secondary school curricula even as it empowers students with global citizenship competencies," explained Mr. Mills. "It helps them understand that we're all truly global citizens who are more alike than we are different, regardless of where we live in the world and the geographic distance that may separate us."

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