## **International Students Day**

## "The International Students' Day Celebration unleashes a Spectacle of Global Cultures at St Joseph's University on Sunday, 6 August 2023"

In a dazzling display of International Unity and Cultural splendour, the Office of International Affairs, St Joseph's University, and the Federation of International Student Associations - Bengaluru (FISA-B) organised the International Students' Day on Sunday, 6 August 2023 on our campus.

As part of the celebrations, an enchanting food festival was on the card; exotic flavours from every corner of the world tantalised taste buds with offerings that spanned the continents – from the spicy delicacies of Bhutan to the soul-soothing dishes of Kenya and from the aromatic delights of Nepal. The culinary voyage extended further encompassing the distinct tastes of Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Sudan, Nigeria, Congo, Afghanistan, Syria, Bangladesh, Liberia, Egypt and Japan each contributing to a symphony of flavours that echoed the world's diversity.

The formal programme was held at the SJU Auditorium at 4:30 pm and was graced by Ambassador Smt Nirupama Rao, Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India; His Excellency Mr Jean Ngoy Mvunzi, Member of Parliament and Minister for Finance, Kinshasa Province, Democratic Republic of Congo; Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, Rev Fr Dr Richard Rego, Dean, School of Communication and Media Studies and Director, Office of International Affairs, SJU; Dr Joseph W Lobo, Former Director of ICCR and Founder-Director of Federation of International Student Associations-Bengaluru, and Mr Alikali Sy Simwange Aly, President of FISA-B. All the distinguished guests while addressing extended their greetings to all the international students present and shared their beautiful insightful thoughts on the occasion.

It was followed by a vibrant cultural presentation by international students representing different countries. The event stood as a timeless reminder that our world is a mesmerising mosaic of cultures, and embracing this diversity is not a choice, but a duty we all must passionately uphold. The special attraction of the day was on-the-spot sketches and paintings by Urban Sketchers, Bengaluru. More than 1,000 international students from about 60 countries participated in the event.

For the Images of The International Students Day celebration, kindly refer to the Photo Gallery: https://www.sju.edu.in/gallery/28