

ANNEXURE 6

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE CENTRE

1. Mr.Gamini Jayawickrema Perera, Srilankan minister for Irrigation and Water Management and Sumith Nakandala, Dy.High Commissioner, Srilanka visited the Centre on 20.12.2002.
2. Shri Karmarkar, Managing Director, State Bank of Hyderabad on 26.06.2003.
3. A group of Journalists from Far east countries on 24.02.2004 (Visit organized by KRG Rainwater Harvesting Foundation).
4. Shri Gokhale, Secretary, Min. of Non-conventional Energy Sources, Government of India, on 14.10.2004.
5. Two senior officials from the Karnataka Police Housing Corporation on 15.10.2004.
6. Mr. D.K.Manavalan, Director, Action for Food Production, New Delhi (The NGO, which is the main sponsor of the IRCSA conference to be held in New Delhi during 15-18, November, 2005) on 27.10.2004.
7. The Dy. Manager, Water Board, Govt. of Srilanka at Anuradhapura on 12.11.2004.
8. A group of Govt. officials from West Bengal, on 23.12.2004.
9. Two staff members from the National Academy of Construction, Hyderabad visited on 28.10.2005
10. Dr. Makato Murase, Chairman, People for Rainwater – an NGO in Japan and three others visited on 19.11.2005.
11. Ms. Tanuja Ariyananda, Chairman Lanka RWH Forum and Secretary, IRCSA visited on 26.11.2005.
12. A person from People for Rainwater group in Tokyo visited on 30.12.2005.
13. A student belonging to the People for Rainwater group in Tokyo, Japan visited the Centre during 1 – 5.10.2006 to learn about RWH and its success in Chennai.
14. UNICEF, India had organized the visit of eight engineers and specialists in Water and Sanitation sector to the Rain Centre on 20.11.2006. Four of them were from Sudan, two from Iraq and one from India.
15. Three Architecture students from Spain visited the center on 26.2.2007 and learnt about RWH.

16. Two persons from FAKT, Germany visited the centre on 20.4.2007 and learnt about RWH in general and the activities of the centre in particular.
17. Mr. Edo Passerella from Milan, a reporter for National Geographic Adventure visited the centre and spent three days – 6-9.5.2007 to gather video-journalistic information about the current situation of water resources.
18. John Adams, Director, Regional Environment Office for South Asia, U.S. Embassy Kathmandu and his colleague Jaipal Shreshta visited the centre on 25.5.2007 and learnt about the successes of RWH in Chennai.
19. Tomas Munita from Chile, a photographer by profession and working for “Against all odds productions” and “Blue Planet Run” visited the centre on 6.6.2007 and took photographs of the centre.
20. Two Professors belonging to the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, Bloomington, U.S.A. visited the Centre on 30.6.2007 to explore the possibility of bringing the undergraduate students for a three week programme to learn about RWH.
21. Ms. Vijay Venkataraman working for the School of Science Journalism, Boston University, U.S.A. visited the centre on 2.7.2007
22. Two undergraduate students from Spain visited the centre on 5.7.2007
23. Dave Bockmann and his wife (a cultural anthropologist) from Tokyo visited the centre on 30.7.2007 and had a detailed discussion regarding ecosanitation.
24. Professor Rajagopal of the Dept. of Geography, The University of Iowa, U.S.A., visited the centre on 17.8.2007 to learn about the activities of the centre. He is bringing a group of undergrad students on 30.12.2007 to the centre.
25. Mr. Dorian Spaak of the Auroville Earth Institute, Auroville visited the centre on 13.10.2007 to learn about RWH.
26. Mr. Darren Hart of the International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance (IRHA), Switzerland visited the centre on 18.10.2007.
27. A Ph.D. student from Syracuse University, U.S.A. visited the centre on 12.12.2007 to discuss about revival of traditional water bodies in rural areas under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS).
28. Shri Mahinda Amaraveera, Hon’ble Minister for Water Supply, Government of Srilanka visited the centre along with a group of Senior officials on 27.12.2007.
29. Two French nationals visited the Centre on 24.1.2008 and took a video film.

30. A graduate student from Johns Hopkins University, U.S.A. visited the centre on 8.1.2010.
31. Eight officials from the Water Board, Government of Sri Lanka visited the centre on 3.3.2010 to learn about the activities.
32. Dr. Jayalakshmi, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad visited the centre on 5.3.2010 and expressed a desire to collaborate.
33. Two members working for the CII Water Institute, Jaipur visited the centre on 12.3.2010.
34. Two students from Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Management, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat visited the Centre on 31.5.2010
35. Shri Ramesh Chauhan, Chairman Bisleri International visited the centre on 12.9.2010 and discussed about various activities of the Centre and also Rainwater Harvesting in urban and rural areas.
36. Shri G.Srikante, Special Correspondent, Prajavani (Kannada newspaper belonging to the Deccan Chronicle group) visited the centre on 23.9.2010 to learn about RWH.
37. Mr. Charlie Simkin, U.S. Consul General's son visited the centre on 30.10.2010