

Thompson Rivers University  
is pleased to invite you to

***The Punjab-British Columbia Presidential Forum***

The purpose of the Punjab-British Columbia Presidential Forum is to enable the Minister of Higher Education and the Minister of Technical Education to offer a broad conceptual framework for the participating post-secondary institutions to identify mutually beneficial joint academic program delivery opportunities, identify and explore international student pathway structures, identify collaborative research themes and identify potential articulation and accreditation frameworks. Additionally, the forum will provide the participating institutions with an opportunity to introduce their respective institutions and identify themes of mutual interest for future collaboration.

Attendees from the Punjab State include:

- Mr. Sewa Singh Sekhwan, Minister of Higher Education, State of Punjab
- Mr. S.A. Ziani, Minister of Technical Education, State of Punjab
- Dr. Rajneesh Arora, Vice Chancellor, Punjab Technical University (co-chair)
- Dr. R.P. Sobti, Punjab University of Chandigarh
- Dr. Jaspal Singh, Punjab University (Patiala)
- Dr. A.S. Brar, Guru Nanak Dev University (Amritsar)
- Mr. Ashok Mittal, Lovely Professional University
- Dr. B.S. Dhillon, Punjab Agriculture University

BC Post-secondary participants are asked to provide a one-page brief on their institutions to share with the Punjab speakers in advance of the forum. Please send your one-page brief to Cindi Thompson at [cthompson@tru.ca](mailto:cthompson@tru.ca).

**DATE**

Wednesday November 16, 2011

**TIME:**

4:00 – 6:00 pm

**LOCATION:**

Taj Hotel – Chandigarh – Ballroom A

(TRU will provide round-trip transportation from the Marriott Hotel)

For any inquiries please contact [gespinola@bccie.bc.ca](mailto:gespinola@bccie.bc.ca)

Please note: This event is limited to BC education delegates only. The invitation is non-transferable