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### **The Former First Secretary of International Court of Justice Visits GNLU**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) from its growing global reputation attracts a pool of renowned scholars, jurists, intellectuals and academicians. The university was recently visited by eminent jurist Mr. Arthur Witteveen.

Mr. Witteveen is a Dutch judge and legal writer. He was the First Secretary of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), The Hague, where he has had 35 years of working experience. In April 1996 he published a book on 'The International Court of Justice 1946-1996' with Arthur Eyffinger. Mr Witteveen is also a prominent benefactor of the university. He has secured donations of books and reports of invaluable amount to GNLU library. His latest assistance includes facilitating donation of books by Judge Pieter Kooiman, former Judge, ICJ and Foreign Minister of the Netherlands, and helping GNLU's national-round winning Jessup Team.

Mr. Witteveen delivered the lecture on 'How the ICJ Actually Works - An Insider Perspective'. He enlightened the students with his professional journey at ICJ .He highlighted the relevance of research and role of library for the judges of ICJ. Briefing students about the internal structure of ICJ, he also elaborated on few principles of international law citing ICJ cases and advisory opinions highlighting the judicial wisdom in settling disputes in international Law.

The event also marked a brief address by Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Director GNLU, who expressed his gratitude to Mr. Witteveen for his special contribution to GNLU and also emphasised on how his noble service has benefitted the GNLU fraternity.

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