

## **ASTTBC is in India: Partners with BC Government**

A small group from ASTTBC as well as representatives from BCIT and the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) is currently in India for the purpose of getting on the ground and coming to a much better understanding of the education system in this country. Because many immigrants come to BC and seek credential recognition through ASTTBC it is important that the Association have the highest level of understanding of their education in order to more effectively process their applications. Registrar Charles Joyner is leading the group which includes technology professional experts in civil, electrical, electronics, geomatics, information and mechanical technologies. ASTTBC has been working with the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training for several years for the purpose of enhancing ASTTBC's professional regulatory environment to enhance the experience of immigrants as they seek recognition of their credentials, look for rewarding career opportunities directly tied to their foreign credentials and settle their families.

*"ASTTBC has made a number of strategic adjustments and introduced new resources since we launched our first project about three years ago,"* said ASTTBC CEO John Leech.

A few examples include:

- created a dedicated [WEBSITE](#)
- produced a number of career videos to address key issues faced by Internationally Trained Technology Professionals (ITTP)
- produced software that will eventually post information on a Canadian assessment of foreign credentials
- created a 'Provisional' registration so that ITTPs can get fully assessed before coming to BC / Canada. This helps them 'hit the deck running' when they arrive in BC
- removed the one year Canadian experience requirement and replaced it with a statement of competencies required to get full professional registration
- created the ITTP Leadership Forum to help guide ASTTBC initiatives
- visited the Philippines in 2012 to learn more of their education system
- visited China in 2008 as part of an OACETT initiative

*"The Ministry of Jobs has been a great partner in moving ASTTBC into a lead position in terms of enabling ITTPs as they seek full credential recognition and pursue meaningful career opportunities in BC."* added John Leech

ASTTBC has signed additional agreements with the BC Government and these projects will develop competencies for all Technical Specialists.