

ISB, QAI India join hands for IT research

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IN an effort to address the talent pool crunch in the IT industry, the Indian School of Business (ISB) has entered into a strategic partnership with Bangalore-based process improvement firm QAI India.

The tie-up will help leverage the research knowledge base of ISB and real world experiences and process capabilities of QAI. ISB is also introducing a graduate student

residency programme for outstanding researchers along with QAI. "The Centre for IT and Networked Economy (CITNE) of ISB has experience in industry-rele-

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vant IT research. With the partnership, QAI will be able to use our research findings to develop tools that could address issues related to workforce availability and management," said Dr Ravi Bapna, executive director of CITNE, ISB. According to him, this is an example of an industry-academia linkage necessary to create the next generation of knowledge workers. "IT and ITeS industry is looking at achieving scalability in creating competitive talent pool. We will be able to come out with new tools that could help them achieve this," he added. CITNE, he said, would work as a platform to bring researchers from across the world to do IT-related studies.

"With the launch of the new programme, we will be able to bring researchers from different universities including Minnesota and Connecticut to do IT-related research," he said. Besides providing infrastructure and assistance, this will provide these researchers with an opportunity to pursue applied research that could benefit the Indian IT industry. The programme will be funded by corporates. "Presently, QAI is our major partner in this programme. In the future, we are looking at partnering with major IT companies for this programme," Mr Bapna said.