IU’s gateway offices provide meeting and technical facilities to assist IU faculty, students, scholars, alumni, and prospective students. They assure both IU’s presence and IU’s connection around the world. Last year, IU’s gateway office in Beijing opened in Tsinghua Science Park, adjacent to China’s top-ranked Tsinghua University and near Peking University.

At almost every meeting in Turkey, the delegation discussed an IU gateway office for Istanbul—the specific needs it could serve for the Middle East region, and the best fit for IU and for the universities, institutes, and NGO’s in the area.

The delegation to Saudi Arabia moved on to India for the dedication of IU’s gateway office in that country. Located in the city of Gurgaon, adjacent to the Indian capital New Delhi, the IU India office is a 3,700-square-foot suite within the headquarters of the American Institute of Indian Studies, an NGO run by a consortium of U.S. colleges and universities, including IU.

Sarod virtuoso Ayaan Ali Khan closed the dedication with a performance of India classical music.
On the day of the opening ceremony, Ron Sela, IU Bloomington associate professor of Central Eurasian students and international studies, led a symposium on “Safeguarding India’s Documentary and Cultural Heritage” at the new gateway. Previous activities there have included sessions for IU business students on a study abroad tour, a workshop for high school students preparing to study in the U.S., and a two-day symposium on police reform and crimes against women. In the future, the India Office will support a wide variety of activities, including scholarly research and teaching, conferences and workshops, study abroad programs, distance learning initiatives, student recruitment activities, executive and corporate programs, and alumni engagement events.

Raj Kumar, vice chancellor at O.P. Jindal Global University, joined IU President Michael A. McRobbie at the ceremony. Michael Pelletier, deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, also greeted attendees. Indian classical musician Ayaan Ali Khan concluded today’s dedication ceremony with a performance of virtuoso music for the sarod.

Deepender Singh Hooda, member of the lower house of India’s parliament, meets Narendra Jadhav, elder statesman and economist at the India Gateway Office opening. Both are IU alumni.

“IU’s presence in India is indicative of our desire to learn about India on its own terms and to begin an exchange that will benefit both India and Indiana and strengthen the connections between India and the United States.”

—President Michael A. McRobbie