Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai receives International SAQS accreditation from AMDISA

- After AMBA, this is the second international accreditation received by Great Lakes Chennai campus in the last one year.
- Great Lakes Chennai becomes one of the few leading B-Schools in India to have received both AMBA and SAQS international accreditations.

Chennai, June 16, 2015: Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai has been accredited by SAQS (South Asian Quality Assurance System). SAQS is an international system of strategic audit and accreditation designed for the assessment of Institution in widely different national contexts. It is a globally benchmarked system for Mentoring, Quality Improvement, Quality Assurance and Accreditation.

SAQS accreditation is awarded by The Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA), an international not-for-profit association, and is a “SAARC Recognised Body”.

SAQS international quality assurance label for B-Schools is awarded only to institutes that have in place continuous quality improvement system benchmarked with the leading global B-schools in the world. Besides, this accreditation involves rigorous peer review and apex committee evaluation and has been earned only by few B-Schools in India. Great Lakes is proud to have received this international accreditation in just over a decade of its inception.

On receiving the accreditation, Dr. Bala V Balachandran, Dean and Founder, Great Lakes Institute of Management said, “It is heartening to receive an official communication from SAQS accreditation body granting us full SAQS accreditation. With these two international accreditations - AMBA and SAQS, Great Lakes is now geared to work towards receiving the AACSB accreditation.”

Conveying his wishes in his letter to Dr. Bala, Dr. M. Rammohan Rao, Chairman – SAQS accreditation awarding committee wrote, “The Peer Review Team of AMDISA wishes to record its high appreciation for the work done so far by Great Lakes.”
About Great Lakes Institute of Management: Great Lakes was founded in 2004 by Padma Shri Dr. Bala V. Balachandran with a vision of becoming the leading Management Institution in India providing Quality Education at an affordable cost and Human Capital for Emerging Economies.

Led by exceptional academic faculty, steered by an outstanding advisory council and buoyed by the international collaborations, Great Lakes has, within a short span of 10 years emerged as a top-ranked business school, ranked 7th among 1 year MBA program by Outlook India, 7th under Executive Programs by Business Today, 7th among private B-schools by Careers 360 and 10th among top Indian B-schools by Business India in 2014.

In 2014, Great Lakes was accredited by Association of MBAs (AMBA, UK) for its PGPM and PGXPM programs and became the youngest B-school in India to receive this prestigious international accreditation.

Great Lakes has 50+ full time faculty and 130+ visiting faculty including over 20 international faculty from top global schools like Yale, Kellogg, Stanford, etc. Further collaborations with world’s leading institutions like Nanyang Technological University, University of Houston, University of Bordeaux, etc., have helped Great Lakes in globally benchmarking its programs. Great Lakes has a 27.5 acres LEED Platinum rated green campus in Chennai and a second campus in Delhi-NCR.