By a Staff Reporter

The University of Pennsylvania announced Feb. 17 a $2 million grant from the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs of the Government of India to support Penn’s Center for the Advanced Study of India, which will conduct research on international migration from India.

This is the first time that MOIA has ever awarded an empirical research grant of this magnitude to an academic institution outside India. “Penn was chosen because it is home to CASI, which has become the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs counselor of the India Embassy in Washington; Shiv Ratan, MOIA director; financial services and budget; and Rebecca Bushnell, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Penn,” according to Jennifer Bushnell, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Penn.

Also attending the signing ceremony were Devesh Kapur, associate professor of political science and Madan Lal Sobti director of CASI; Penn Provost Vincent Price; Jack II. Nagel, associate dean for the social sciences; and Ram-Sedeh, vice dean for finance and administration at Penn. As principal investigator of the research project, Kapur will be supported by a group of scholars recruited specifically for the purpose of conducting the research, as needed during the next four years. Kapur’s forthcoming book, “Diaspora, Democracy and Development: The Impact of International Migration from India on India,” will be published this summer.

“CASI, which was founded in 1992, has been awarded numerous research grants from major philanthropic foundations such as The GE Fund, The Ford Foundation, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation,” said in a press release to India.

Prof. Devesh Kapur will be the principal investigator of the research project on international migration from India.

Additional information about the Penn’s Center for the Ad-

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama personally welcomed the Dalai Lama to the White House in a low-key event to avoid inflaming tensions with China.

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