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**from the desk of the
PRESIDENT**

Dear Member,

10 December, 2012

As the year 2012 rolls to a close, we are all looking forward with optimism to the imminent New Year with hope that 2013 will bring to all of us cheer, great opportunities and good fortunes. As a business institution we hope that the economic fundamentals will look up for the Indian economy and in this context we are looking forward to the Finance Minister's Union Budget 2013. Containing Fiscal Deficit will be a major challenge and one of the very few avenues open to the Government in the realms of fiscal management.

Closer home, in Bengal we are awaiting the new Industrial Policy eagerly and as I write the Chamber's suggestions / recommendations to the State Government are being finalized for presentation to the Government. After 18 long years, the State will be getting a new Industrial Policy and the current circumstances and ground realities for industry and the economy make this policy document an eagerly anticipated one.

Of course, amidst all this our programmes and activities have continued with the Bengal Chamber presenting a bouquet of events (reported in the newsletter) including its very popular golfing extravaganza for corporates.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Sd/-
Kallol Datta
President

*We wish that all your wishes
are fulfilled this year*



MEMBERS' NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to Aditya Birla Nuvo Limited whose application for membership was tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 16th November 2012.

PROGRAMMES

15TH NOVEMBER 2012,
CHAMBER PREMISES

MEETING WITH
METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(DHAKA) ON NON TARIFF
MEASURES WHILE TRADING
WITH SAARC COUNTRIES

Mr. Shaquib Quoreshi, Secretary, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Dhaka met The Bengal Chamber representatives to know about the views of the Chamber and business community in India, in this case, of West Bengal, on the prevailing Non Tariff Measures that they face while trading with SAARC countries.

MCCI has been engaged by German International Development Cooperation (GIZ) to conduct a comprehensive analysis and documentation of prevailing non-tariff measures (NTMs) in the SAARC countries.

Both exports and imports were their concern. Discussions were on the specific NTMs businesses here face at the border, due to procedural and administrative bottlenecks. Cross-cutting problems restricting trade, such as banking procedures, infrastructure and quality related issues, including HS Classification were also discussed.

Mr. Quoreshi has taken back the information, which MCCI would work on at their end and would make a presentation in New Delhi sometime in March 2013.

The meeting, which was a very focused endeavour, was attended by:

- Mr. Sitansu Banerjee, Whole time Director, Howrah Mills Company Limited
- Mr. Abinash Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Keventer Food Park Infra Limited
- Mr. Shubhobrata Dasgupta, Marketing Manager, Pailan Food Limited
- Mr. Somobrata Dutta, Managing Consultant, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. P. Vinod, Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Dipankar Chakrabarti, Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Vinod Jain, Chairman, Safechem Industries



▲ Meeting in progress (L-R): Mr. Abinash Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Keventer Food Park Infra Limited; Mr. Vinod Jain, Chairman, Safechem Industries; Mr. Sitansu Banerjee, Whole time Director, Howrah Mills Company Limited; Mr. Shaqib Quoreshi, Secretary, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Dhaka; Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. P. Vinod, Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Somobrata Dutta, Managing Consultant, PwC; Mr. Dipankar Chakrabarti, Director, PwC and Mr. Shubhobrata Dasgupta, Marketing Manager, Pailan Food Limited

PROGRAMMES

BLACK DOG PRESENTS BENGAL CHAMBER THINK, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE TELEGRAPH AND TECHNO INDIA GROUP AND POWERED BY TOWER GROUP – PANEL DISCUSSION ON “INDIA’S EMERGING RELATIONSHIP WITH MAJOR POWERS”

**16TH NOVEMBER 2012,
THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE, CHAMBER PREMISES**



▲ The Star Studded Panel – from Right to Left – Prof. Saugata Roy, Mr. Dean R Thomson, Mr. Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Mr. Ronen Sen, Mr. Krishnan Srinivasan and Lieutenant Gen (Retd.) John Ranjan Mukherjee



▲ Prof. Saugata Roy, MP, delivering his Speech



▲ Mr. Anant S Iyer, COO – RPC East & Nepal, United Spirits, presenting a Memento on behalf of The Bengal Chamber to Mr. Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Editor, Editorial pages, The Telegraph, on behalf of The Bengal Chamber

Opinions and counter-opinions floated as experts from diverse fields engaged in a discussion on "India's emerging relationship with major powers" at the Black Dog presents Bengal Chamber Think, in association with The Telegraph and Techno India Group and powered by Tower Group.

"It is a timely initiative, when you have just had the presidential elections in the United States which is arguably our most important international partner and of course the oldest and most powerful democracy. Then we have just completed the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of China... the fifth leadership transition there and it's also the second largest economy in the world and also our largest immediate neighbour," said Mr. Ronen Sen, former Ambassador to the US, Germany, Russia and Mexico and Former High Commissioner to the UK.

Mr. Sen was delivering the keynote address at the Palladian Lounge event November 16, 2012.

Among the other members were US Consul General, Mr. Dean Thompson; Prof. Saugata Roy, Member of Parliament; Lt Gen. (Retd.) John Ranjan Mukherjee and Former Foreign Secretary K. Srinivasan. Mr. Rudrangshu Mukherjee of The Telegraph moderated the discussion.

Prof. Roy, second to speak after Mr. Sen, felt that if India aspired to be a global power by 2020 or 2025, it should start thinking more seriously about building its own block. "The BRICS – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa" – would be a viable alternative." He briefly touched upon FDI in multi-brand retail and referred to the Indo-US nuclear treaty. "How many American aided nuclear plants have started working (in India) since then (the signing of the pact). Now we are trying to open FDI in retail in the hope that Walmart may salvage us... Walmart sources 80 per cent of its products from China. So how does it really improve our situation?" the former junior urban development minister at the

Centre asked. Prof. Roy also asked how much American investments "in real solid terms" have come to our country. The old diplomatic niceties are no longer relevant where "international relations are in omnishambles," he asserted.

Is India riding piggyback too much on the United States to gain a so-called super power status, the Moderator floated the question before requesting

Mr. Thompson to speak. "The people-to-people relationship between India and the United States is enormous. 100,000 Indian students (are) studying in the US... Next I think is the business to business level. The economic relationship between the two countries has been growing significantly over the last 5 to 10 years in particular," said the Consul General. Mr. Thompson quoted President Obama, "The US and India is going to be one of the defining partnerships of the 21st century."

Lt Gen. Mukherjee, however, highlighted the element of "distrust" in bilateral relationship as Americans have "let Indians down" too many times. "Even in the last aircraft deal they were giving us substandard technology, so finally we went to France."

When his turn came, former Foreign Secretary, Mr.



▲ Mr. Ronen Sen, IFS, delivers the Opening Keynote Address



▲ Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber, presenting a memento to Mr. Dean R Thomson, US Consul General

Srinivasan chose to negate Roy's optimism about the possibility of India emerging as a world power. "If I look into the future I am sorry I am going to disappoint many of our audience here. I don't see India as a major power. I don't see India as a superpower or a great power. I see India certainly as a regional influence. I see India as an important voice in the international community; but I think we have exceeded our aspirations if we think of ourselves in the major league by let's say 2020 or 2025."

THE BENGAL CHAMBER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANUFACTURING PRACTICES OF MSMEs

**21ST NOVEMBER 2012,
CHAMBER PREMISES**

The MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee of the Bengal Chamber organized the fifth edition of the annual "The Bengal Chamber Award for Excellence in Manufacturing Practices of MSMEs" with the participation of senior representatives from the Government and Industry along with the Academia on Wednesday, 21st November 2012 at 10.00 a.m. at Williamson Magor

Hall, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The focus of the event is to create a benchmark for the small scale industries, especially the micro, small and medium enterprises by giving exposure to the best manufacturing practices adopted and implemented by their counterparts so that they could learn, adopt and implement these practices in their respective organizations, which would help

them to achieve better productivity as well as quality at lesser cost.

This is an annual event of the Chamber and it is being organized to reward the MSMEs for their "Excellence in Manufacturing Practices" in spite of the severe logistical and infrastructural constraints they come across. The focus is also to give exposure to the MSMEs and extend them the opportunity of

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networking with the larger organizations. The event helps the large scale industries to contribute in their continuous endeavour in developing or upgrading their vendor base by inducting quality vendors for furthering growth and development of their



▲ Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber delivering his speech. Seated on the dais (L-R): Mr. P N Mandal, General Manager, Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), Mr. R N Ghosal Chairperson, Transportation Infrastructure and Logistics Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Anup Kumar Chanda, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Micro and Small Scale Enterprises and Textiles; Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Suman K Mukerjee, Principal & Dean, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science, Kolkata Kendra and Mr. J K Mahanta, Zonal General Manager, East & North East Zone, National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC Ltd) (A Government of India Enterprise)



▲ Delegates present in the award programme



▲ Dr. Anup Kumar Chanda, IAS, addressing the programme

businesses.

This year, our award programme was presided over by Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, who commenced the session by giving a Welcome Speech. Mr. P Roy, our Director General was the Master of Ceremonies for the Inaugural Session.

The key speakers were:

Shri Partha Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Commerce and Industries, Public Enterprises, Industrial Reconstruction,

Information Technology, Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal who was the Chief Guest of the programme.

Dr Anup Kumar Chanda, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Micro and Small Scale Enterprises and Textiles who was the Guest of Honour of the programme.

Mr. P N Mandal, General Manager, Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).

Mr. J K Mahanta, Zonal General Manager, East & North East Zone, National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC Ltd) (A Government of India Enterprise).

Mr. Kishori M Deka, Dy General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

Shri S K Basu, Director, MSME - Development Institute (Kolkata), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India

Shri Partha Chatterjee spoke about the special emphasis given to the MSME sector since this was a most important segment for the development and growth of industry post globalization. The Minister observed that the small scale industries play a leading role for further industrialization and they are driven by technology, integrated business networks. Shri Chatterjee spoke about initiatives taken by the State Government with the help of the Central Government to form MSME Clusters in different parts of West Bengal, like in Purulia, Jhargram, Coochbehar. The objective was to make the State an MSME hub.



◀ Mr. Kallol Datta presenting a memento to Dr. Anup Kumar Chanda

THE BENGAL CHAMBER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN MANUFACTURING PRACTICES OF MSMEs



▲ Mr. Kallol Datta delivering his welcome address



▲ Mr. Aloke Mookherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber delivering his speech

Dr. Anup Kr Chanda, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Micro and Small Scale Enterprises and Textiles said that this is the sole responsibility of the society at large and industries, especially the large scale industries, to help the MSMEs and encourage them in developing and expanding their business setup. Dr. Chanda also said that the MSMEs are the backbone of industrial development and without their existence industry cannot flourish. So, keeping all these in mind, we have to drive ahead to keep the small scale industries rolling and it would help the larger corporates in developing and expanding their businesses as well (since MSMEs are their ancillary units).

The panel of judges who evaluated the presentations of the participating MSMEs was headed by Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Director (Technical), Prerana Engineers & Consultants Pvt. Ltd. and Head – Boilers, Hari Machines Ltd. The others in the panel were Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited; Mr. P N Gupta, Consultant – Industrial Engineering and Productivity, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited; Dr. Suman K Mukerjee, Principal & Dean, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science, Kolkata Kendra and Mr. S J Mukherjee, Executive Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd.

The judges selected three best case study presentations out of a series of presentations made by the participating MSMEs. Following were the MSMEs which won the Award along with the

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Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation.

- Abhaya Precision Industries Pvt Ltd
- M/s Eastern Polycraft Industries Ltd
- M/s Girish Chandra Ghosh & GGS

The award programme was attended by well over 120 delegates from industry representing sectors like manufacturing, engineering, petrochemicals, chemicals and others. The feedback from the session was extremely positive as it was an excellent learning experience and networking forum.



A section of the delegates

Mr. Monojit Chaudhuri, Chairperson, MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee, The Bengal Chamber addressing. Seated on the dais to his left is Mr. Manish Agarwal, Director, Elbee Securities Pvt. Ltd. and on his right is Mr. M.N.Jaipal Iyengar, General Manager Engineering Projects & Reliability, BOC India Limited (Member of Linde Group)



The judges chaired by the Chief Judge Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber, sharing their views and perspectives and declaring the names of the award winners

Mr. P Roy receiving Shri Partha Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Commerce and Industries, Public Enterprises, Industrial Reconstruction, Information Technology, Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal at The Bengal Chamber



Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber welcoming Shri Partha Chatterjee in the WM Hall

Mr. Monojit Chaudhuri addressing the Valedictory and Award Distribution Ceremony. L-R: Mr. P Roy; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber; Shri Partha Chatterjee; Mr. Kallol Datta; Shri S K Basu, Director, MSME - Development Institute (Kolkata), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India and Mr. Kishori M Deka, Dy. General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)



Ambarish Dasgupta delivering his speech at the Valedictory and Award Distribution Ceremony

Mr. Kallol Datta during the concluding session



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IN MANUFACTURING PRACTICES OF MSMEs**



◀ Shri Partha Chatterjee addressing the Valedictory Session and Award Distribution Ceremony



▶ Shri Partha Chatterjee presenting The Bengal Chamber Award and the Certificate for Best Case Study presentation to Mr. Supriyo Ghosh, Partner, M/s Girish Chandra Ghosh & GGS



▶ Shri Partha Chatterjee presenting The Bengal Chamber Award and the Certificate for Best Case Study presentation to Mr. Bijay Padia, Director, M/s Eastern Polycraft Industries Ltd.



◀ Shri Partha Chatterjee presenting The Bengal Chamber Award and the Certificate for Best Case Study presentation to Mr. Abhisek Ghosh, Director, Abhaya Precision Industries Pvt. Ltd.



◀ The Award winners with Shri Partha Chatterjee, the Chamber's Officer bearers and speakers



▶ Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber presenting a memento to Shri Partha Chatterjee

**23RD NOVEMBER 2012,
CHAMBER PREMISES**

**APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTHCARE - BUSINESS
SESSION AND EXPOSITION FOR THE BEST SOLUTIONS**

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with Lemenox Solution, organized a B2B meet, 'Application of Technology in Healthcare – Business Session & Exposition' on 23rd November 2012 at the Williamson

Magor Hall. The meet was sponsored by EMN Corporation, Healthcare Utility Services Pvt. Ltd., Binary Spectrum Softech Pvt. Ltd., TechnoCratz, TouchStone and Kloudz Computing Pvt. Ltd.



◀ Welcome address by Mr. R. Udayan Lahiry, President & CEO, Medica Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. & Member of the Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber

▶ Sponsor - Healthcare Utility Services Pvt. Ltd., Team



Nowadays Information Technology is redefining how healthcare functions in our society. This programme had been organized to know from the sponsors, who are the IT solutions providers, the best-in-class IT products tailor-made for the healthcare

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APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTHCARE - BUSINESS SESSION AND EXPOSITION FOR THE BEST SOLUTIONS

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sector. The welcome address was given by Mr. R. Udayan Lahiry, President & CEO, Medica Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. & Member of the Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The sponsors then made presentations of their products related to the healthcare industry. The product presentation was

followed by networking cocktails. The B2B meet was a resounding success and was attended by the major healthcare units of Kolkata which included hospitals, nursing homes, diagnostic centres and also some doctors.



Audience at the B2B meet



Sponsor – EMN Corporation is making the product presentation



Product presentation by Binary Spectrum Softech Pvt. Ltd., (Sponsor)

BOOK LAUNCH OF "LAND OF TWO RIVERS- A HISTORY OF BENGAL FROM THE MAHABHARATA TO MUJIB" (PENGUIN)

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CHAMBER PREMISES

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and The Palladian Lounge organized the launch of a book – 'Land of Two Rivers - History of Bengal from Mahabharata to Mujib' by Dr. Nitish Sengupta, IAS, Former Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; Former Member Secretary, Planning Commission; Former

Revenue Secretary, Government of India, published by Penguin. The book was released by Shri M. K. Narayanan, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal. Ms. Abida Islam, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Kolkata; Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, Calcutta University and Professor Jayanta

Kumar Ray were present at the occasion.

The programme was well attended by academicians, senior representatives from the industry, present and former bureaucrats. It was well covered in the media. It was a programme with a difference.



L-R : Ms. Abida Islam, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Kolkata; Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, Calcutta University; Dr. Nitish Sengupta, IAS, Author and Former Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; Former Member Secretary, Planning Commission; Former Revenue Secretary, Government of India; Shri M. K. Narayanan, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber



Shri M. K. Narayanan, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal

IDEAL - BENGAL CHAMBER GOLF TROPHY & ANDREW YULE SESQUICENTENARY TROPHY POWERED BY JIS

30TH NOVEMBER-1ST DECEMBER 2012,
TOLLYGUNGE CLUB

It is a popular saying that, "There's no game like golf: you go out with three friends, play eighteen holes, and return with three enemies." As far as Golf is concerned, the pleasure of playing the 18 holes far outstrips the "displeasure" of beating the other three in the group! Golf, as a sport, has captured the fancy of teeming millions – men and women, the amateur, the professional, the one with a handicap of 25 or a handicap of 9, the businessman, the bureaucrat and the executive. Truth is, a good round of golf is always a great round of golf.

In keeping with this idea, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized on Friday 30th

November and Saturday, 1st December 2012, the third edition of the annual, **Ideal - Bengal Chamber Golf Trophy & Andrew Yule Sesquicentenary Trophy powered by JIS**, a golfing extravaganza for corporates, at the Tollygunge Club, Kolkata. We had a very simple objective – providing corporate leaders an opportunity to showcase their skills with the club, meet new players and develop new friendships. Many a golfer prefers a golf cart to a caddy because the cart cannot count, criticize, or laugh. On the contrary, our event was an excellent opportunity for all the keen amateurs to not worry about scores, but just have a lot of fun. Close to 224 golfers

participated. Leading city-based corporates participated in the event which was played in a Texas Scramble Format. This year we had the privilege of having **Shri Partha Chatterjee**, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Commerce and Industries, Information Technology, Public Enterprises, Parliamentary Affairs and Industrial Reconstruction, Government of West Bengal, as our Chief Guest on 1st December 2012 during the tournament. **Shri Madan Mitra**, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Sports and Transport, Government of West Bengal was the Chief Guest of the evening and presented the trophies to the winning teams. **The overall winners of the "IDEAL**

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IDEAL - BENGAL CHAMBER GOLF TROPHY & ANDREW
YULE SESQUICENTENARY TROPHY POWERED BY JIS

– Bengal Chamber Trophy” were DBS Bank followed by Team 1 and an Open Team represented by Mr. H S Bindra. The Corporate winner of the Andrew Yule Sesquicentenary Trophy was IndusInd Bank, followed by TSPDL BIRDIES. The Gross Winner of the JIS Trophy was RPG 1. Shri Madan Mitra, Hon’ble

Minister –in-Charge, Sports and Transport, Government of West Bengal, Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Taranjit Singh, Chief Patron of The Bengal Chamber and Managing Director, JIS Group, Mr. T. Himatsingka,

Director, Ideal Group and Mr. Hironmoy Chatterjee, Chairman, Sports and Leisure Committee, Mr. P. Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber presented the awards.



◀ (L-R) Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber welcoming Shri Partha Chatterjee, Hon’ble Minister-in-Charge, Commerce and Industries, Information Technology, Public Enterprises, Parliamentary Affairs and Industrial Reconstruction, Government of West Bengal; Mr. P. Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber



▲ Shri Partha Chatterjee at the tournament on the second day



▲ Mr. Hironmoy Chatterjee, Chairperson, Sports and Leisure Committee, The Bengal Chamber, delivering the welcome speech during the prize distribution ceremony



◀ Mr. Taranjit Singh, Managing Director, JIS Group, presenting the JIS Bengal Chamber Trophy to the Gross Winner RPG Team 1



◀ Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber, presenting the Andrew Yule Sesquicentenary Trophy to the Corporate Winner



▲ Shri Madan Mitra, Hon’ble-in-Charge, Sports and Transport, Government of West Bengal, presenting the Ideal Bengal Chamber Trophy to the overall winner of the tournament, DBS Bank



◀ Shri Madan Mitra addressing the audience during the prize distribution ceremony

PROGRAMMES

WITH CSI (KOLKATA CHAPTER)

- THE BENGAL CHAMBER WAS THE TECHNICAL SPONSOR OF THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMERGING APPLICATIONS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HOSTED BY THE KOLKATA CHAPTER OF CSI
- THE BENGAL CHAMBER ALSO SUPPORTED THE CHAPTER IN HOSTING THE 47TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF CSI AND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTELLIGENT INFRASTRUCTURE

29TH NOV – 1ST DEC 2012
ISI, KOLKATA

1ST – 2ND DECEMBER 2012
SCIENCE CITY

QUEENSLAND DELEGATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND VET

5TH DECEMBER 2012,
CHAMBER PREMISES

The Skill Development Task Force along with the Education Task Force of The Bengal Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation of Universities from Queensland, Australia. The delegation team comprised of representatives

from various universities of Australia. Shri Ujjal Biswas, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Technical Education and Training, Government of West Bengal addressed the meeting and invited the delegation to present projects so that both the countries' resources could be utilized to develop the workforce.

The Director, Technical Education and Training, Government of West Bengal, Dr. Parijat De shared a very interesting presentation, where he pinpointed the future trends & need of skill development in our country, where we can have the support from the Australian universities.



◀ Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President presenting a bouquet of flowers to Shri Ujjal Biswas, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Technical Education and Training, Government of West Bengal



▶ Dr. Parijat De, Director Technical Education and Training making his presentation



▶ The Australian delegates in the midst of a conversation



◀ Prof. (Dr). R.P. Banerjee, Chairperson, Education Task Force, interacting with the audience while making his presentation



◀ Prof. P.P. Mathur, Vice Chancellor, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar



▶ Shri Ujjal Biswas in conversation with Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Chairperson, Skill Development Task Force



◀ Mr. Rod Solomons, Trade & Investment Commissioner to South Asia, Queensland Government sharing his views with the audience

6TH-9TH DECEMBER 2012

THE BENGAL CHAMBER PARTNERED INFOCOM 2012

9TH DECEMBER 2012,
TATA STEEL ROOM, THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE,
THE BENGAL CHAMBER

INFORMAL INTERACTION WITH PADMA BHUSHAN SHRI B. MUTHURAMAN, VICE
CHAIRMAN, TATA STEEL LTD. AND CHAIRMAN, TATA INTERNATIONAL LTD.

The President, Director General, a few members of the Managing Committee and members of the Secretariat met Padma Bhushan Shri B. Muthuraman, Vice Chairman, Tata Steel Ltd. and Chairman, Tata International Ltd. The discussion covered a number of topics and contemporary issues of importance. Shri Muthuraman was in the city to address the PanIT Global Meet and kindly spared a few minutes to visit the Chamber.



Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber (R) greeting Shri B. Muthuraman, Vice Chairman, Tata Steel Ltd. and Chairman, Tata International Ltd. Mr. S C Saxena, Managing Director, Swayambhu Natural Resources (P) Ltd. (SNRL); Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Regional President- East and National Board Member, National HRD Network & Director & Group Strategic Advisor, Neuerth Group; Mr. Sushim Banerjee, Director General, Institute for Steel Development and Growth (INS DAG) were also present (L-R)



During the conversation (L-R): Ms. Sukanya Bose, Senior Programme Manager, The Bengal Chamber, Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director, The Bengal Chamber, Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber, Shri B. Muthuraman, Mr. Kallol Datta, Mr. S C Saxena, Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik and Mr. Sushim Banerjee



Shri B. Muthuraman with the group ▶

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

- ▶ The Bengal Chamber supporting Aidiyas Consulting Group on the Human Rights Day Seminar on "CSR and Grass-roots Transformation – Making the Twain Meet", 10th December 2012, Chamber premises
- ▶ Meeting with Ms. Rosaline Kwan, Deputy Program Manager and Senior Trade Commissioner, Canadian High Commission, New Delhi, 11th December 2012, Chamber premises
- ▶ Meeting with Ambassador Dan Mozena, U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, 10.00 a.m., 12th December 2012, Residence of US Consul General in Kolkata
- ▶ The Bengal Chamber supporting The IGEP Foundation, in association with the Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI), in their Round Table on CSR / Social Compliance, 12th December 2013, Chamber premises

IGEP is a trade promotion organization sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. Established in 1988 IGEP uses various trade development instruments to promote Indian exports to Germany and to other member countries of the European Union. BSCI is an initiative of European retail companies initiated by the Foreign Trade Association (FTA), Brussels. It has at present more than 1000 European members who are buyers/importers. IGEP Foundation is the official representative of BSCI in India. The BSCI is the leading business-driven initiative for companies committed to improving working conditions in the global supply chain. For BSCI and its 600+ participants, IGEP functions as the contact point, information centre and service provider for all questions and activities related to social compliance and auditing procedures.

- ▶ Interaction with Janab Ghulam Muhammed Quader, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh with Managing Committee Members, 14th December 2012, Chamber premises
- ▶ 11th Mega Industrial India Trade Fair, 14th – 24th December 2012, Science City, Kolkata
- ▶ India Eurasia Business Partnership Conclave, 9th-10th January 2013, Chamber premises
- ▶ The Bengal Chamber in association with Calcutta Business School to present a seminar for executives on "Quality of Work Life", 11th January 2013, Chamber premises
- ▶ The Bengal Chamber partnering Jadavpur University in presenting a series of seminars on "Sustainability of Indian Energy Sector: prospects and challenges", Inaugural edition on 16th January 2013 (tentative), JU Campus.

With World Bank funding, Jadavpur University is implementing 'Technical Education Quality Improvement Program- Phase II'. As 'Industry Institution Interaction' of that programme, Jadavpur University is organizing a year-long lecture series on 'Sustainability of Indian Energy Sector: prospects and challenges', jointly with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC). National policy makers, technologists as well as actual industrial organizations will be invited to deliver lectures in this program to present their views.

- ▶ Interaction with Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Managing Director, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Limited (WBIDC) and Shri Rajesh Pandey, IAS, Chairman and Managing Director, West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited, 17th January 2013, Chamber premises
- ▶ Panel Discussion on 'India IT – Present and Future', 18th January 2013, The Palladian Lounge, Chamber premises

EVENTS AT

THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE



23rd November 2012

A presentation of crafts and folk arts of West Bengal in association with Crafts Council of West Bengal, EZCC and Open Doors.



4th December 2012

Cricket Adda –

Street Cricket and Street Food in association with Calcutta Wine Club and The Calcutta Gastronomes

