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Premier of New South Wales, Hon. Mr. Barry O'Farrell, visits India

A high level trade mission from Australia, led by the New South Wales Premier, Hon. Mr. Barry O'Farrell, is visiting India from 12 to 19 November 2011. The Mission will be visiting Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru and participating in a number of business events and high level meetings that will focus on sectors where NSW has a competitive advantage.

The objective of the Mission is to showcase NSW's innovation and capabilities and to position NSW's companies as strong joint venture partners for Indian firms in meeting India's growing need for services and infrastructure.

The Chamber is organising a reception in honour of the Premier and the accompanying Business Mission on November 18, 2011 at Bengaluru. All members of the Chamber will get a formal invitation to join the reception, shortly.

New Indian Consulate General in Perth, Western Australia

A new Indian Consulate General at Perth in Western Australia was officially inaugurated by the Indian External Affairs Minister, Hon. Mr. S.M. Krishna, on 26th October 2011. Mr. Mandarapu Subbarayudu is India's newly appointed Consul General in Perth.

While inaugurating the Mission, Mr. Krishna observed that the State of Western Australia has a special role to play in the growth of strategic partnership between India and Australia. The opening of a Consulate General of India in Perth is testimony to the importance we attach to the relationship with Australia, and within Australia, to a State on an Ocean whose shores we share, he added.

Hon. Mr. Stephen Smith, Australian Defence Minister and H.E. Ms. Sujatha Singh, Indian High Commissioner in Australia, were also present on the occasion.

Edith Cowan University Student Ambassador Program to India

The Edith Cowan University (ECU) Ambassador Program, the international study tour that is offered to ECU undergraduates and post graduates students, will be in India from November 28 to December 17, 2011. ECU has received funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, including A\$ 2000 subsidy/student and A\$ 1500 for the one staff member for this program. The group consists of 10 students and one faculty member.

The Ambassador Tour to India provides a unique opportunity for these students to visit one of the world's fastest growing economies. An exciting itinerary has been planned for the students, including visits to 8 cities over 3 weeks. Students will get to interact with other students from across India visiting 5 different Universities and 2 different research centers and more than 15 companies.

Students will visit some of the leading Indian companies and interact with people in many industry sectors including manufacturing, tourism, engineering, information and communications technology, health, education and agricultural sectors.

Mr. Ian Whitaker, the new Honorary Consul for Mauritius in Perth

Mr. Ian Whitaker, Senior Trade Adviser, Chamber of Commerce and Industry Western Australia (CCIWA), Perth, has been appointed as the new Honorary Consul for Mauritius in Perth.

CCIWA is one of the most influential and respected Chambers of Commerce in Australia. The Chamber has an ongoing MoU with CCIWA for exchanging information relating to the trade, economic and investment opportunities in the bi-lateral trade relationship.

Contact details of 115 Australian companies seeking business in India

The Chamber's successful 10th Business Mission to Australia in September 2011 has interacted with over 100 companies in four cities – Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. The Chamber is happy to share the contact details of these companies with members of the Chamber. Members may contact the Chamber for details.

Indo-Australian Business Directory 2011

The Chamber has just released its prestigious Indo-Australian Business Directory 2011. The Directory contains the profiles of all our members with colourful advertisements from the corporate community. It also proves a lot of useful information on "Doing Business with India and Australia" and useful contacts and websites.

All members of the Chambers of the will get a copy of the Directory, absolutely free of cost, shortly.

Opportunities for Australian Home Textile buyers to source from India

The India International Handwoven Fair (IIHF) 2012, which is taking place at the Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai, from March 27-29, 2012, will be a good opportunity for Australian buyers to source their home textile products from India at no cost on their air travel and accommodation.

IIHF, being the second edition of the Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC) will showcase the best home textiles in quality and design from all over India. The products on display includes table linen, bed linen, bath linen, kitchen linen, curtains, floor coverings, wall hangings, trimmings and embellishments, Indian attire, fashion accessories, gift items and collectors' items. HEPC is also an important member of Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce.

HEPC has announced a promotional offer of free economy class air fare and accommodation during the fair dates for the first 100 overseas buyers registering for the IIHF.

MyFactoryIndia – An Australian manufacturing facility in Chennai

Want to improve exports and overcome increased import competition and reduced margins, enter into a cooperative arrangement with MFI, an Australian entity established in 2005. The company owns and operates facilities in the Special Economic Zone, Chennai, India, and has positioned itself for expansion by undertaking work for others. For more details, visit www.myfactoryindia.in or contact Bill Besim via email bbesim@myfactoryindia.in or telephone 0433331320 or (+61)433331320

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