



Message from the Director General

Dear Friends,

As the clock moves forward into another year another month, it gives us an opportunity to take a fresh look at our initiatives in Bombay Chamber. Over the last few months, I felt a need to communicate with you on Chambers activities, its aspirations, dreams and its plans on regular basis. Therefore, I am initiating this new-letter through which I would like to share planned activities and seek your inputs, valuable suggestions and feedback for continuous improvement.

Bombay Chamber is truly the Chamber of the members, by the members and for the members. During 2012-13, we have continued to work on our theme of "Corporate as a Citizen". Among other things, we have resolved to focus on MSME and FDI. Every month on last Friday, we invite Consul General from a foreign country to share opportunities for technical and commercial collaborations. We would be delighted if you attend these events.

Chamber continues to conduct events, seminars, lecture series, interactive meetings with foreign consulates and delegates, industry visits. These are organized by all expert committees belonging to Bombay Chamber. Each of these events offers excellent networking opportunities for you to grow your business. I request you to participate in these events.

The Chamber has started mentoring services, especially for MSME members. Senior "C" level professionals offer these services using BCCI as a platform. We now offer these services for Information Technology and plan to extend these services for Human Resources, Legal and Sustainability in the near future. The Expert Committee on Corporate Governance will be conducting training program on whistle-blower policies which will be useful to members. The Expert Committee on Human Resources has prepared booklets on common HR issues faced by organizations. You may like to get your copy of these booklet from the Chamber. The committee has already published two such booklets and the response from our MSME members is overwhelming. The Chamber is pursuing "WADA" project, an Art and Craft Centre at Worli in collaboration with MCGM.

Chamber has conducted training programme on Mediation-alternate dispute mechanism, along with Bombay High Court. The Chamber will offer mediation services as an alternate for commercial dispute resolution for its members.

I hasten to add that all this has been possible only due to your continuous support in the activities of the Chamber. I will be very happy to receive your feedback/suggestions. Write to me or email me: feedbackonly@bombaychamber.com

Warm regards and best wishes,

Vikram Gandra
Director General

Chamber Happenings

Metropolitan Food Security Conference Challenges of Urban Food Supply in the Mumbai Metropolitan Area

Agriculture Committee of Bombay Chamber, Netherland Agro & Food Technology Centre and GMV jointly organized the Metropolitan Food Security Conference. It focused on the challenges of Mumbai metropolitan area, implications of foreign direct investment in multi-brand retail and the Dutch perspective on establishing secure and efficient food production chains.

Facilitating trade between India, Europe and Africa via the Port of Antwerp

Logistics Committee organized a meeting with the high level logistics delegation which was led by Mr. Eddy Bruynincks, CEO, Antwerp Port Authority and Mr. Werner Van Der Cruyssen, Customs Attache, Federal Public Service Finance. The objective was to facilitate trade between India, Europe and Africa via the Port of Antwerp. The delegation addressed various related issues including Carbon Neutral Cargo Movement, Value Added Logistics for Port Competitiveness, Procedures and Policies of the Belgian Customs Authorities, Visa issuance, etc.

Workshop on Employee Retention

Human Resources Management Committee has released Employee Engagement & Employee Retention booklets they are amongst the plan series of eight pocket size booklets on different topics of HR. The objective is to serve as a toolkit for our MSME members in dealing with their daily HR issues. A workshop on "Employee Retention" was also organized during the launch focussing on various policies, best practices and the efforts taken by employers which make the employees stay and be productive.

The booklets on "Performance Management Systems" and "Talent Acquisition" will be released in coming months.

(1st copy of booklet is complimentary for members. For addl. copies - Members - Rs. 20/- & Non-Members - Rs. 25/- each.)

Interactive Session on FDI Doing Business with Poland

International Trade & Commerce Committee organised a seminar in collaboration with a foreign missions on "Investment Climate in Poland" and the competitive advantages of doing business were discussed by H.E. Mr. Janusz Wach, Consulate General, Poland. Prospects for investment and the regional aid/government grants to investors and Special Economic Zones were discussed. So far the Chamber has organised such sessions with Brazil, France and Japan. The similar FDI events are organised on last Friday of every month.

Lecture on Insider Trading

Legal Affairs & IPR Committee organised a lecture by Mr. Shuva Mandal, Partner, AZB & Partners, in which he explained the term "insider" as a person connected with the company and reasonably expected to have access to or has received Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI). He briefed on the terms viz connected person, deemed to be connected person and UPSI which prohibits insiders from dealing in securities of a company, either on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person when in possession of UPSI. He also briefed on how companies can be prevented from engaging in 'insider trading' while in possession of UPSI. He also briefed on 'Price Sensitive Information' and 'punishment for contravention' as per the provision of insider trading included in The Companies Bill, 2012.

Overseas Collaborations For Skill Development

A representative of Education & Skill Development Committee visited U.K. Colleges of Further Education, under Skills Travel Grant of UKIERI. The Chamber is keen on a formal tie up with Association of Colleges (AoC), a leading organization from UK facilitating UK-India relations in the sphere of education and training. Bombay Chamber will approach DGET, Ministry of Labour; an apex body for its official support while finalizing joint activities with U.K. institutes.



Chamber Happenings contd...

Lecture Series on Economic and Development Issues

Banking, Finance and Economics Committee organized the seventh lecture of its Lecture Series on Managing Foreign Exchange Risks in a Volatile Market. Jamal Mecklai- CEO, Mecklai Financials delivered the speech on how to manage business and foreign exchange risks by focusing on some approaches that could decide and define risk down the period for the companies.

An Interactive Session on Intuition, Self Awareness and Obligation: lessons from real life experiences in followership and leadership

Leadership Development Group under Young Bombay Forum (YBF) organised this session which was delivered by Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Executive Director, Tata Sons Ltd. wherein emphasize was on:

- A career is born in the crucibles of duty and obligation. (How to view boss as a customer?)
- A hidden enemy periodically retards your career development and progress. (Who is he? How do you befriend?)
- Analysis is essential, but can get you that far only. After that, you rely on intuition. (What is intuition? How do you nurture it?)

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Talk on How to Lead Social Change

Social Development Group under YBF organised the talk by Ms. Rashmi Misra, Founder of VIDYA. It was focused on showcasing the impact of educational projects on lives of children, young adults and women across major cities.

Campus Visit to Universal Business School

Professional Development Group under YBF organised this visit. The objective was to learn and share the best practices adopted by Universal Business School (UBS) and explore the possibilities of collaboration between YBF and UBS.



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Forthcoming Programmes

Workshop on Changing Landscape of Risks and Liabilities in the Pharmaceutical Sector

- February 12, 2013

Insurance and Hospitals Committee is organizing a workshop which will focus on managing risks, liabilities and global dynamics in the Pharmaceutical industry. Speaker for Inaugural Session are Mr. Sushobhan Dasgupta, MD, J&J Medical India and Mr. Ajit Singh, Chairman, ACG Worldwide.

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Industry Exposure to Rural Trainees

- February 13, 2013

Bombay Chamber has signed MoA with DGET (Directorate General of Education and Training) and State Govt. of Maharashtra for upgradation of Bhokar ITI under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Scheme. Under the scheme Bhokar ITI students of Fitter, Wireman and Automobile courses will visit Endurance Technologies Ltd. and Garware Polyester Ltd. at their Aurangabad units.

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An Interactive Session with Additional DGFT, Mumbai

— February 15, 2013

An Interactive Session with Dr. Kavita Gupta, Additional DGFT, Mumbai on February 15, 2013 has been organised with an objective to provide trade facilitation services to members and a platform for discussion on policy, operational and procedural issues.

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Site Visit to Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

- February 15, 2013

Sustainability Committee has organised an interactive session and site visit to share and learn the environment and energy related best practices.

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Workshop on Social Return on Investment and Measurement of CSR

- February 21, 2013

Sustainability Committee is organizing a workshop on Social Return on Investment (SROI) and Measurement of CSR to understand the importance, applicability & methodology to calculate SROI. Measurement of CSR and its challenges will be conducted by Dr. Meena Galliara, Director, Center for Sustainability Management and Social Entrepreneurship, NMIMS and Prof. Ananya Prabhavalkar, Visiting Faculty, NMIMS.

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Seminar on Mumbai Electricity: Islanding System Uniqueness of Mumbai Electricity Supply

- February 21, 2013

Power Committee of Bombay Chamber in association with Deear Group will organize a seminar to address various issues relating to power supply in Mumbai. The seminar will address the underlying issues faced by distribution companies, regulators and power generating companies and a way forward for an effective Open Access and Uniform Tariff regime.

Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Minister for Power and Energy is the Chief Guest. The other leading speakers are Mr. Anil Sardana, MD, Tata Power Co. Ltd., Mr. O.P. Gupta, GM, BEST Undertaking, Mr. Sanjay Patki - Chief, Quality Assurance, Inspection & Testing, Tata Power Co. Ltd., Mr. Vishwas Shrikhande - Head Power System Operations, Mumbai Operations, Tata Power Co. Ltd., Mr. R.R. Mehta, Sr. Executive VP, Reliance Power Ltd. and Mr. Shantanu Dixit, Coordinator, Prayas Energy Group.

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Competition Online Case Study on Sustainability

Sustainability Committee had launched the online case study competition which will end on 24th Feb, 2013 for the students of management institutes.

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America's New Energy Security: Will it change the World? How India stands to Gain?

- February 25, 2013

An Address by Mr. Blake Clayton, Fellow for Energy and National Security, US.

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Lecture on The Underappreciated Openness of India

- February 26, 2013

Banking, Finance & Economics (BFE) Committee is organising eight lecture of the lecture series which will be delivered by Jahangir Aziz, senior Asia economist and India Chief economist, J.P Morgan on "The Underappreciated Openness of India"

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Myanmar Delegation

- April 2013

The Chamber is planning to take a delegation to Myanmar. Members who are interested in increasing business opportunities in Myanmar are requested to contact Chamber.

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