

Message from the Director General

Dear Friends,

At the outset, allow us at the Chamber to wish you a very Happy Ganesh Festival. May the Lord Ganesh, give us strength and wisdom to work towards removing all hurdles in business and bring prosperity.

Keeping up with our tradition over a period of time, we have been circulating this newsletter to all members so that they are well informed about the activities of the Chamber and we are glad to receive good response from your end. The Chamber will be celebrating its 178th Foundation Day in this month.

In line with our previous initiative of working for the SME's we have entered into a MoU with CRISIL to obtain Credit Ratings for our SME members at concessional rates (upto 55% discount). We will be conducting few training awareness programs on the credit rating and I am sure that it will be beneficial to our members. In the current difficult economic scenario; Innovation in products, processes and services is the only ray of hope for survival and growth. I quote Bill Gates "Never before in history has innovation offered promise of so much to so many in so short a time". During the month we will hold an event- NASSCOM-Bombay Chamber Business Connect, creating a platform for the Buyers from large corporate and Sellers from SME to exchange their ideas, products and services. It is an attempt to bring some innovative 'Made in India' products directly to the buyers.

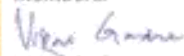
We will be creating a pre-facilitation centre for SME along with MSSIDC to create awareness for various 'Investment Incentive Schemes' provided by the government.

It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that World Economic Forum(WEF) has selected Bombay Chamber as its nodal agency in Maharashtra for partnering in Implementation of Agricultural Projects. I am glad to invite you for the biennial AgriCorp 2013 Conference which will be held on 24th and 25th October, 2013. You can utilize this opportunity to be associated with this flagship event and increase your visibility amongst the Agri Community. The Chamber looks forward to your support and active participation on the conference.

To facilitate our member companies in exploring the various trade and investment opportunities and to develop strong ties with the business counterparts in Myanmar the Chamber is organizing a delegation in month of October. We look forward for your active participation.

With the growing importance of Indirect Taxation, the Chamber has taken a step forward to make its member companies well informed by organizing a Series of lectures.

I would like to thank the members for providing their contact details and helping the chamber in its Green initiative. Look forward for support from the remaining members.


Vikas Gadre
Director General

Chamber Happenings

Interactive Session on Doing Business with New Zealand

International Trade and Commerce Committee organized its 9th FDI Event in collaboration with the New Zealand Consulate General. Mr. Gavin Young, Consul General and Trade Commissioner, New Zealand Consulate General made a presentation on New Zealand Economic Outlook, Regulatory Environment, Tax Structure and Investment Opportunities in New Zealand.

Current Currency volatility & Hedging at the Exchange

Banking Finance & Economics Committee organised an interactive session with NSE on "Current Currency volatility & Hedging at the Exchange". Main focus of the session was on how one can hedge their risk against price fluctuation and make profit. Ms. Deepa Aggarwal, Sr. Consultant at NSE was the speaker for the session.

Discussion Paper

Banking, Finance & Economics Committee invites comments from its members on the Discussion Paper by RBI on 'Banking Structure in India - The Way Forward' released on its website on August 27, 2013.

Members are requested to send their Comments/feedbacks/suggestions on the issues raised in the Discussion Paper by Sept.20, 2013 at upadhsu@bombaychamber.com

MoU with CRISIL for credit rating of SME's

Bombay Chamber has entered into a MoU with CRISIL Ltd. Under the terms of the MoU, CRISIL will help the potential SME members of Bombay Chamber to obtain "Credit Rating" at discounted fees. The MoU was signed by Mr. Vikas Gadre, Director General, Bombay Chamber and Mr. Yogesh Dixit, Senior Director, CRISIL SME Ratings.

AgriCorp2013: Making Agriculture Remunerative October 24 - 25, 2013, ITC Grand Central, Mumbai

Agriculture Committee of Bombay Chamber is organizing its flagship Biennial Conference AgriCorp 2013. The knowledge partners for the Conference are International Finance Corporation and Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-operative Management. This is opportunity for your organisation to get associated with the Conference by way of Sponsorship. The recognition, mileage and visibility will be given to all the sponsors based on the following categories :

Principal sponsor: **Rs. 6.00 Lakhs** | Sponsor : **Rs. 4.00 Lakhs** | Co-sponsor : **Rs. 3.00 Lakhs**

Delegate Fees*: Members : **Rs. 5,250/person** | Non Members : **Rs. 6500/person** | International : **135\$** | Early Bird Discount : **10% till Sept.15, 2013** | Group Discount of 10% for nomination of more than 3 participants from same organization. (*Service Tax extra)

Reserve your display space (Area of space 2m x 2m) today!!! First cum first serve basis
Members : **Rs. 20,000 + taxes** | Non Members : **Rs. 22,000 + taxes**

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Shipping Conference

February 13-14, 2014, Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai

Bombay Chamber is organizing its 8th Flagship Biennial Shipping Conference which will focus on major growth and regulatory issues pertaining to shipping, inland waterways & related infrastructure.

Sponsorship opportunities :

Platinum Sponsor : INR 15 Lakhs

Gold Sponsor : INR 10 Lakhs

Silver Sponsor : INR 7 Lakhs

Bronze Sponsor : INR 5 Lakh

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Forthcoming Programmes

Interactive Session on Doing Business with Belgium

September 20, 2013

International Trade and Commerce Committee will be organizing its 10th FDI event in collaboration with the Consulate General of Belgium. The team will be making a presentation on the Trade and Investment opportunities in Belgium.

For details contact : Harshit Thakker on 61200247, harshit@bombaychamber.com

Bombay Chamber's High Level Delegation to Myanmar

International Trade and Commerce Committee is taking a high level delegation of 10-15 members to Myanmar from 7th October to 11th October. This is an excellent platform for Indian Companies to explore the investment opportunities available and to develop strong ties with business counterparts in Myanmar.

For details contact : Harshit Thakker on 61200247, harshit@bombaychamber.com

Lecture Series

Sustainability Committee has organised a series of lecture of which 2nd in the series is on 'Human Rights in Business' on September 19, 2013 by Mr. Prathamesh Raichura, Associate Director, KPMG and 3rd is on Integrated Reporting by Mr. Santosh Jayaram, Technical Director, KPMG on October 3, 2013.

For details contact: Mani Nair on 61200223, nairma@bombaychamber.com

Insurance Summit 2013

The Chamber will be organizing its first Insurance Summit 2013. This is scheduled in the 2nd week of December, in Mumbai. Accenture Management Consulting Ltd. is the Knowledge Partner for this Summit.

For sponsorship and branding opportunities, contact Lysha Lewis on 61200234, lewisl@bombaychamber.com

Indirect Taxation Lecture Series - 2013

The Taxation & Accountancy Committee has organised lecture series on Indirect Taxation of which the 1st is to be held on 'VCEs Scheme in Service Tax' by Mr. Hardik Gandhi, Manager, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. on Sept. 6, 2nd on 'GST - Status Update and Challenges' by Dr. M. M. Gondavale, Dy. Commissioner of Sales Tax, Maharashtra on Sept. 25 and 3rd on 'How to Prepare for EA 2000 Audit' by Mr. Nityananda Shetty, Sr. Manager, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. on Sept. 27.

For details contact: R. Ganesh on 61200218, rg@bombaychamber.com

Workshop on How to Export

Manufacturing committee is pleased to announce a workshop on Export, specially designed for small businesses. Tentative in the last week of September 2013. Mr. Deepak Pathare, Head Exports, Siemens Ltd. with an experience of business development activities for around 27 countries is the speaker.

This workshop will cover some of these prerequisites of taking your business global : Why should we export; Is my company export ready; What does it take to export; How do I identify buyers & take it forward; What are the Procedures, documentation and Government incentives.

For details contact: Manasi Kadane on 61200236, manasi@bombaychamber.com

Virtual Help Desk Service on Insurance and Risk Management

Help Desk Service will be provided to you by our dedicated team of experts in the areas of Property, Project, Liability, Credit, Marine Insurance & Claims Management. Make sure you exploit this exclusive service if you haven't yet done so.

For details contact : Lysha Lewis on 61200234, lewisl@bombaychamber.com

NASSCOM-Bombay Chamber Business Connect

September 20, 2013

Electronics, Telecommunications & Information Technology Committee offers a unique opportunity to CIOs across segments to meet different SME Software Products/Solutions companies under one roof. This unique Business Connect event is in association with NASSCOM, who is promoting SME Product & Solution companies. This is an attempt to bring some innovative 'Made in India' products directly to the buyers by partnering with leading industry associations to foster the connect.

For details contact: Isha Patel on 61200233, patelis@bombaychamber.com

Interactive session on Fraud Risk Management

September 26, 2013

Governance Committee is organizing an interactive session on 'Fraud Risk Management'. Ms. Veena Sharma, Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. will be the speaker for the session. The session will focus on:

- Growing need for establishing an anti-fraud culture and promoting fraud awareness.
- Detecting key potential anti-fraud control gaps and issues, including how to treat the alerts.
- Developing a fraud response management plan to address and respond to any identified instances of fraud.
- Taking prompt action to investigate cases of alleged fraud.

For details contact: Ankit Agrawal on 61200249, ankit@bombaychamber.com



The booklet on 'Code of Conduct: Safety of Women' was released on August 13, 2013 which highlights measures to be adopted by women employees in case of gratuitous situations.

For booklet contact : um@bombaychamber.com



Conference Room: Capacity upto 40



Meeting Room: Capacity upto 16



Seminar/Training Room: Capacity upto 35

Meeting Rooms for Rent | For bookings, contact: C.B. Juvekar 61200200 (B), 9869314614 (M), cbj@bombaychamber.com

For details, please visit at www.bombaychamber.com