

Business Opportunities in India's Infrastructure Sector

Leaders from India and US to discuss at the Infrastructure Today India Opportunity 2011 Conference on September 17, organized by Aspire International Group

(Press Release New York) India, in view of its continuing robust growth, is expected to be the world's largest economy by 2050. With GDP estimated at \$85.97 trillion on a PPP basis by 2050, from \$3.92 trillion in 2010, India is poised to become the world's largest economy in a span of only four decades. The country, to actualize the envisaged growth of unprecedented rapidity, needs to bolster its infrastructure. The government has made aggressive investments into the sector and the Prime

Minister Mr. Manmohan Singh has announced investments of \$1 trillion in infrastructure in the country's next five year plan commencing in 2013. Half of this is expected to be contributed by the private sector which presents a huge opportunity for the sector to play an integral role in leveraging this opportunity.

A one-day conference, INFRASTRUCTURE TODAY INDIA OPPORTUNITY 2011, is being organized by Aspire International Group Inc. - US based infrastructure media

group with arms in Middle East and South Asia, and India based business magazine INFRASTRUCTURE TODAY, in perspective of the business opportunity the Indian market presents.

The conference reception will be held on Sept 16 and the conference is being held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Consulate General of India (3 E 64th St., between Madison and 5th Avenues).

The conference will have participation from over 100 delegates including

ministers, bureaucrats, planners and industrialists from India and the USA, congregate to give expert presentations on policy, finance and technical aspects of infrastructure in India. These presentations will address issues in the sectors of Roads, Airports, Seaports & Logistics, Railways, Finance, Urban Development, Real Estate and Power across sessions.

The conference will be presided over by Senator Larry Pressler. US India Business Council (USIBC) is the supporting organization for the conference which has an impressive line-up of illustrated speakers:

Senator Larry Pressler, Rep - South Dakota, Ambassador Nirupama Rao, Indian Ambassador to USA,

Govt. of India, Ambassador Prabhudayal, Indian Consul General in New York, Ms. Diane Farrell, Executive Vice President & Senior Director, Policy Advocacy, USIBC, Mr. Harish Mathur, CEO, IL&FS Transportation Networks, Mr. Gautam Bhandari, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley, Mr. K Subrahmanian, Managing Director, Afcons Infrastructure, Shapoorji Pallonji Group, Mr. Ramesh D. Chandak, Managing Director & CEO, KEC International Ltd., Mr. N. R. Alluri, Director, Nagarjuna Construction Co. Ltd., Mr. S N Subrahmanyam, Director, Larsen & Toubro, Mr. A K Misra, Executive Director & COO, Tata Projects, Mr. G. Bhaskara Rao, Vice

Chairman, Lanco Infratech, Mr. Suresh Kumar, Assistant Commerce Secretary and Director General of the US Foreign Commercial Service, Mr. Luis Miranda, Chairman, IDFC - PE, Mr. Puneet Arora, Principal/Partner (International Tax Group), PricewaterhouseCoopers, New York, Ms. Dagmar Fleming, Director, Global Business Development - Eastern Hemisphere, Association of Equipment Manufacturers.

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Infrastructure Today is the largest read magazine in India in the infrastructure sector. The

eight-year-old publication partners in the nation's building process by offering valuable information, insights and analyses. Reader profile includes policymakers and public office bearers, planners, investors, contractors, developers, consultants, utility providers, engineers, banks and financial institutions, educators and researchers, etc. It features top people and organizations sectors, through independent contributions and incisive interviews. The magazine is present in high-power seminars and conferences, is referred to by business leaders, and displayed on many a corporate boardroom coffee table.

Indo-American Arts Council presents Rehana Lew Mirza's Play 'Barriers'

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11 September 11, 2011, at 7 pm at HERE Theatre, 145 Sixth Ave, NYC A Benefit Performance preceded by reception & Q&A with Playwright, Director & cast.

(Press Release New York) To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the September 11th tragedy, The Indo-American Arts Council will present BARRIERS on September 11th at 7 p.m. at HERE Theatre (145 Sixth Avenue). The play, by Rehana Lew Mirza (THE GOOD MUSLIM), is a Desipina production, about a South Asian family's loss from the 9/11 attacks and the backlash they endure, featuring a cast that includes Pooja Kumar (Miss India USA 1995, "Hiding Divya") and Sunkrish Bala (ABC-TV's "Notes from

the Underbelly"). Previews of BARRIERS will begin Wednesday, September 7 prior to an official opening date of September 9 at HERE (145 6th Avenue, enter on Dominick, 1 block south of Spring Street) in Manhattan. The IAAC-sponsored performance will take place on the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with a pre-performance reception and a Q&A with the playwright, director and cast at 4:30 pm, followed by the performance at 7 pm. Media RSVP is required. One-on-one interviews with the cast will be made available AFTER the

performance. Rehana Lew Mirza's play BARRIERS takes place four months after the 9/11 attacks and focuses on the Chinese/Pakistani Abbas family and the loss of their eldest son Nabhil who had been in the World Trade Center during the attack. When Sunima, the Abbas's only daughter, comes home to announce her pending engagement to a white man - she finds her joyful news lost in a mire of household problems and quickly becomes trapped in the shared family loss that was

never dealt with. As this multi-cultural family begins to fragment, they begin to piece together the past each one hides, and the future they all share. Originally mounted in 2002 at HERE and then subsequently co-produced with the Asian American Theater Company in San Francisco and Los Angeles in 2003, BARRIERS is returning to the stage to look back on the ten-year anniversary of the September 11th tragedy. Directed by Colette Robert, BARRIERS features a cast that includes:

Pooja Kumar, Sunkrish Bala, Joe Petrilla, Eileen Rivera, Jon Norman Schneider and Rajeev Varma. BARRIERS is an Equity-approved showcase. BARRIERS is produced by Ying Le for Desipina & Co. and has a design team that includes Katherine Akiko Day (set and costume design), Colin Whitley (sound design), and Marie Yokoyama (lighting design). It is a part of HEREstay, HERE's curated rental program, which provides artists with subsidized space and equipment, as well as technical

and administrative support. The performance of BARRIERS on September 11th at 7 pm will be an IAAC Benefit performance with a pre-performance discussion & reception

Schedule
September 7 through September 18, performances of BARRIERS will run Tuesdays through Saturdays at 7:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm and 7:00pm (exception: no 7:00pm performance on Sunday, September 18). The performances on Sunday, September 11th at 2pm will be "pay what you can," with part

of the proceeds going to support The Neil G. Shastri Foundation (www.NeilShastri.com), an educational foundation named in honor of a September 11th victim who was of South Asian heritage. Tickets are \$18 general admission. BARRIERS will be performed at HERE 145 6th Ave. (Enter on Dominick, 1 Block South of Spring).

For more information on BARRIERS or IAAC, please visit www.iaac.us. About The Indo-American Arts Council: The Indo-American Arts

Council is a registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit, secular service and resource arts organization charged with the mission of promoting and building the awareness, creation, production, exhibition, publication and performance of Indian and cross-cultural art forms in North America. It is passionate about showcasing, celebrating and building an awareness of artists and artistic disciplines of Indian origin in the performing, literary, visual and folk arts. For further information please visit www.iaac.us.

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