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Australia India Business Council (AIBC) NSW launches Professional Services Chapter

The Australia India Business Council (AIBC) NSW Chapter achieved another important milestone with the launch of its Professional Services Chapter at the Menzies Hotel Sydney on 31 March 2014.

Attendees included The Hon. Greg Smith SC MP, NSW Attorney General – Minister for Justice, Arun Kumar Goel, Consul General of India in Sydney and Nihal Gupta, Chair of the NSW Multicultural Business Advisory Panel, AIBC National Chair Dipen Rughani, Past Chair Brian Hayes, among a host of other dignitaries, councillors and business leaders.

In his Keynote Address, Mr Greg Smith lauded the role of the AIBC NSW in the bilateral trade relationship between India and NSW. He was particularly impressed that the AIBC was fast reaching its thirtieth anniversary and was a truly credible and reputed organisation.

“This is a very important relationship and I am so pleased to be here tonight to see it flourish with yet another milestone reached – being the launch of the professional services chapter.” he said.

AIBC NSW Chapter President Sheba Nandkeolyar said in her welcome note, “The Professional Services sector is an important contributor to the economy both in terms of employment and productivity improvement. It cuts across many industries including legal and accounting services, property development, visas and migration, business management consultancies and many more”

Ms Nandkeolyar welcomed AIBC National Diamond Partner ACCOR and AIBC NSW Silver Partner Telstra who have been highly supportive of AIBC NSW.

AIBC NSW Professional Services Chapter Chair, Paul McKenzie provided a brief presentation on the new Chapter’s vision, objectives and proposed activities. He introduced the chapter committee members and said that the main purpose of the Professional Services Chapter was to create opportunities for professional services firms in Australia going to India and vice versa, as also becoming a valuable networking/support base for these firms and members.

The evening also proved to be a major celebration as AIBC NSW had coordinated the event so that The Consul General Arun Kumar Goel was able to launch this chapter along with the Hon. Greg Smith while still in office. The launch included a traditional Indian ceremony with the lighting of the lamp by The Hon Greg Smith, Arun Goel, Dipen Rughani, Nihal Gupta, Sheba Nandkeolyar, Paul McKenzie, John Cox and Mrs Goel.

Telstra on this occasion recognizing the role of SMEs in the Professional Services chapter, extended a ‘Business Bundles’ offer for the AIBC SME & business owners.

The AIBC is a not-for-profit organization facilitating and linking businesses, exporters and investors in Australia and India. AIBC NSW is the largest chapter of AIBC and plays a strong role in creating business connections and leveraging business opportunities between NSW and India.

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