

Chairman's Report

April 7, 2011

To the Members of the Council,

On behalf of the Elected Governing Board, I am pleased to present the report on the activities of the Council for the year 2010.

Elected Governing Board has the responsibility of running the day to day affairs of the Council and accordingly met 6 times during the year.

On the financials of the Council I am glad to inform that the Council had a net cash surplus of Dhs. 45,003 for the year 2010 against the surplus of Dhs. 27,254 for 2009. Efforts made to increase the income of the Council have worked successfully. The membership of the Council stands at 71 at the end of 2010 as against 66 at the end of 2009.

IBPC successfully hosted various events, delegations, seminars, charitable events, cultural programmes and dinners in this year but the highlight of this year was the inauguration of the India Trade and Exhibition centre m.e. by the President of India Smt. Parthiba Devisingh Patil in the august presence of H.H. Dr. Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohamed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of UAE & Ruler of Sharjah and other dignitaries.

I am pleased to inform you that the IBPC office is now located at this prestigious office with a professional secretariat for the day to day operations.

The IBPC newsmagazine which was revamped with an entirely new look is doing very well. The contents are very extensive and informative. Thanks to Media Seen the PR agency and the Editorial Team for their professional support.

Other than the above the following events and meetings were successfully concluded during 2010.

The following events were concluded during the year 2010;

28 January

Sharjah Delegation to Source India 2010

A delegation from Sharjah headed by Mr. Sudesh Aggarwal, Chairman, IBPC Sharjah, and Ms. Sripriyaa, Director General, India Trade & Exhibition Centre m.e. and Mr. Hussain Mohd Al Mahmoudi, Director General of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry visited Source India hosted by SRTEPC in Mumbai.

February

43 members from UAE trade delegation tours India

A six day business trip by UAE Minister of Foreign Trade, Sheika Lubna bint Khalid Al Qasimi where more than 40 senior UAE officials and businessmen representing the Central Bank, as well as economic, trade, investment, industrial and tourism sectors accompanied. Mr. Sudesh Aggarwal, Chairman IBPC Sharjah and Sripriyaa, Director General of ITEC m.e.

25 February

The Indian Golf Society held the IGS Challenge Golf Cup at the Arabian Ranches Golf Club followed by Dinner and Prize giving.

1 March

A historic agreement was signed by H.E. Ahmad Mohammed Al Midfa, Chairman, SCCI and Mr. Sudesh Aggarwal, Chairman, ITEC m.e. for the handover of the building in the Expo City, near Expo Centre, Sharjah making the ITEC m.e. operational.

20 March

The 8th AGM was held at the new India Trade & Exhibition Centre m.e. in Sharjah. The meeting was attended by the Board of Patrons, members of EGB, and members of council. The annual reports and financials were approved and adopted by the members.

April

IBPC and ITEC m.e. hosted a welcome luncheon reception for Consul General of India H.E. Shri Sanjay Verma, attended by a large number of business executives and board members of SCCI.

IBPC and ITEC m.e. hosted a welcome luncheon reception for Ambassador of India H.E. Shri M. K Lokesh which was attended by the entire business community in Dubai, Sharjah and Northern Emirates.

The first Gulf Maharashtra Business Convention, MahaBiz 2010 Dubai, was successfully organized by ITEC m.e. and the Gulf Maharashtra Business Forum (GMBF) –affiliate body of IBPC Sharjah.

May

Pernod Ricard Gulf, Dubai, the official sponsors of the Indian Golfers Society whisked a group of 16 golfers to St. Andrews, the golfing paradise.

4 June

The Indian Golf Society held the 13th Annual End of Season Golf tournament in Emirates Golf Club, Dubai.

17 June

IGS held a Gala Dinner and Prize Presentation for the 13th Annual End of Season Golf Tournament in Sheraton Dubai Creek Hotel. IBPC Sharjah and IGS created a Humanitarian Fund and raised AED 500,000 at the dinner.

10 August

H.E. M. K. Lokesh, Ambassador of India to the UAE called upon Sharjah Chamber of Commerce Chairman Ahmad Mohammad Al Midfa, he was accompanied by Mr. Sudesh Aggarwal, Chairman IBPC, Sharjah/ITEC m.e. and Ms. Sripriyaa, Director General of ITEC m.e.

27 September

A Luncheon seminar for the 5th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2011 headed by Mr. Tapan Ray was held in SCCI. The road show was industry specific and focused in the areas of Oil and Gas, Chemicals and petrochemicals, Construction and Infrastructure, Gems and Jewellery. The seminar opened doors for trade and investment opportunities in the state of Gujarat. H.E. Ahmad Al Midfa – Chairman, SCCI was the guest of Honor.

5 October

IBPC Sharjah in association with the Embassy of India (Cultural wing) held an Indian Cultural Night by international acclaimed qawwals- Nizami Bhandhu (Chand Nizami) on 5th October, 2010 at the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

7 October

Blood Donation Camp was held at Al Zahara Hospital, Sharjah. There was an overwhelming response to the event, with 78 people donating blood. H.E Shri Sanjay Verma, Consul General of India attended the camp and presented the certificate of appreciation to the donors. An informal lunch was organized at the hospital for Sudesh Aggarwal, Chairman of IBPC and members of the managing committee to mark the success of the camp.

21 October

IGS 14th Annual Indian Independence Golf tournament was held in Dubai Creek & Yacht Club followed by dinner and prize giving by the Consul General of India H.E. Sanjay Verma. Colin Scott the master blender of Chivas who flew in from Scotland especially for the event toasted on the occasion.

25 November

India Trade & Exhibition Centre m.e. was inaugurated by Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, honorable president of India in the presence of HH Dr. Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, member of supreme council & ruler of Sharjah.

8 December

IGS Chivas Corporate Challenge tournament was held at Montgomerie Golf Club, Dubai. The event was followed by Dinner and prize giving where the winners of the tournament were awarded a trip to Scotland to play at the legendary St. Andrews along with a team of golfers from IGS.

For the year 2011, I anticipate a lot of activity particularly in coordination with the India Trade and Exhibition Centre. In addition to this, the Council plans to host following events in 2011;

- Participation in various trade fairs and conventions.
- Reception for visiting trade delegations and dignitaries.
- Independence Day celebrations – Networking dinner
- Seminar on business related topics.
- Free Medical camp & Blood donation camp.

I once again thank you for the support you have extended to the Council and hope you shall continue to do so in future.

At this time it gives me a great pleasure to acknowledge and appreciate with gratitude the support extended to the Council by H.E. Ahmed Mohamed. Al Midfa, Chairman of SCCI, & the Officers of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

I would like to thank HE MK Lokesh, Ambassador of India to UAE and HE Sanjay Verma Consul General of India, officers and staff of the Indian Consulate for their support.

Many thanks to Morrison Menon the honorary auditors of the Council, the Patrons, Elected Governing Body Members and Secretariat staff.

Thanking you all
For Indian Business & Professional Council



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Chairman