



## Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce

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### **Note on Meeting with the visiting West Australian Parliamentary Delegation to India - 10.2.2010**

Bangalore Chamber of Industry & Commerce organized an Interactive Meeting with the visiting 6 Member Western Australian Parliamentary Delegation to India on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. The delegation was led by Hon'ble Grant Woodhams, MLA and Speaker of Legislative Assembly from Western Australia.

Mr. Valliappa, Past President, BCIC welcomed the Parliamentary Delegation and briefly introduced the Chamber and its activities. He mentioned that the Chamber has been regularly organizing interactive Sessions with the Senior Representatives of the Australian Trade Offices and visiting delegation from Australia from time to time. He then requested the members present to introduce themselves and their business interests with particular reference to Australia.

Mr.Venkat Kedlaya in his introductory remarks briefly outlined on the current business opportunities being offered by the State and invited the Officials from the Australian Delegation to explore business opportunities between Karnataka and Western Australia especially in the areas of IT, BT, Food Processing, Education and Aviation. He said Western Australia is geometrically very close to the Indian sub-continent and both have identical culture.

Hon'ble Grant Woodhams, leader of the delegation at the outset thanked the Chamber for organizing a meeting at such a short notice and said that Western Australia offers huge business opportunities for Indian entrepreneurs especially in sectors such as Cheese, Wine, Food Processing, Minerals, Metals and Iron Ore. He said with the support of the Representative Offices in Mumbai and Chennai, these opportunities could be explored to its maximum advantage. He also foresees enough opportunities in the areas of IT, Aerospace and transfer of technology in the manufacture of Agricultural Machinery and Dairy Products. He also outlined the vast potential areas wherein both Karnataka and Western Australia could collaborate viz., Vocational Training, Soft Skill Development, Engineering/Construction Projects and Pre-fab engineering to name a few.

BCIC Members who were present spoke about their current business activities and shared their experiences on doing business with Australia. They requested the official representatives of Western Australia from Mumbai and Chennai to disseminate the information through the Chamber on the emerging business opportunities so that they could take advantage of the same.

Mr. Paresh Shah and Mr.Rajan representatives of Western Australia in Mumbai and Chennai assured their support in this regard and ensured that regular dissemination of information is being made to the Chamber to foster the business relationships.

Mr. Anant Koppa, Past President on behalf of the Chamber thanked the Delegation Members for providing this unique opportunity and hoped for many more such visits so that the true potential between the two regions could be explored for mutual benefit.

Mr. T S Sampath Kumar, Secretary General proposed a hearty Vote of Thanks. He thanked Mr. Paresh Shah and Mr. K V V Rajan for facilitating and providing an opportunity for the Chamber to organize this meeting. He also assured the West Australian Government all the support and cooperation on behalf of the Chamber in all its endeavours.