



## FORUM FOR GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

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***Meeting of the Second General Body, November 2, 2007, 5:30 pm.***

***Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai***

### ***Report of the Secretary***

(November 2, 2007)

I welcome you all to the second General Body Meeting of the Forum for Global Knowledge Sharing (Knowledge Forum). Since April 2006 we have made considerable progress in publications, memberships and networking with other institutions. As you are aware, we held an international seminar on ***Knowledge Based Industries, Employment and Global Competitiveness***, at the India International Centre, New Delhi, on October 6 and 7, 2006. Our first General Body meeting was also held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Many of you would have participated in the seminar. In all 52 delegates registered and participated in the seminar. From outside India, papers were presented by scholars from the University of Antwerp, Belgium; United Nations University – UNU-MERIT, the Netherlands; Singapore National University, Singapore; Nagoya University, Japan; and Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA. The Indian participants came from numerous

academic institutions – universities and research institutions, United Nation agencies, Ministry of Science and Technology and the institutions supported by the Department of Science and Technology, Economic Advisory Council – Prime Minister Secretariat, National Security Advisory Council, and industry associations like Confederation of Indian Industry.

In addition to the inaugural and valedictory sessions, the seminar had four technical sessions. The inaugural address was delivered by Professor Y K Alagh (former Minister of Science and Technology and former Vice Chancellor JNU). Professor P V Indiresan (former Director IIT Madras) gave the Chairperson's address. The Valedictory Address was given by Dr. M R Srinivasan (Member, National Security Advisory Council, and former Chairman Atomic Energy Commission). In all 16 research papers were presented in the four technical sessions. The technical sessions covered the following four themes: competitiveness, employment, global comparisons and technology. In each session, paper presentations were followed by discussants' detailed comments and then it was open to comments and observations from the floor.

Since the participants came from different backgrounds – science, technology, economics, business schools and other social sciences, discussions were lively, and participation rates very high. I am happy to inform you the volume containing the papers presented at our first Annual Conference has been published by Routledge and has been released this morning during the inaugural session.

I am happy that our General Body is meeting now during the Second Annual Conference on *Globalisation of Chinese and Indian Enterprises*. It is good to have our

General Body meeting during our conferences, as is the practice with most professional societies.

Since April 2006 we have added about 30 papers to our *Research Papers* folder of the website and 28 new members have joined the Forum. Papers posted in our *Research Papers* folder are covered by google search. They are also covered by google citation index. The papers posted in our folder have already received several citations. Furthermore, eSocialSciences <http://www.esocialsciences.com> has also been giving wide publicity to our papers and programmes. They have also given a link to our website. The most important objective of our Forum is to bring together scholars from natural sciences, technology, business schools, economics and other social sciences under one platform and encourage them to conduct collaborative interdisciplinary research. Towards this end *Research Papers* folder of our website plays a crucial role. It helps scholars from diverse fields to identify other scholars belonging to other disciplines but working on themes relating to technology creation, development, transfer and globalisation. By examining the papers in our website, scholars who are interested in interdisciplinary studies can identify scholars from other disciplines for academic collaboration. I am aware that IIT Bombay has been undertaking collaborative research involving engineering and other departments. Knowledge Forum would help in extending this intra-institutional collaboration to inter-institutional collaboration. I thank IIT Bombay for their hospitality and for their collaboration in conducting this joint conference. I am confident that our collaboration will flourish in the years to come.

As you can see from our audited statement, our financial resources are very modest and fairly small. Our membership fee is nominal and it may not be wise to use it

to meet our expenditures. We need to build an endowment to meet our modest expenditures. For this we need to obtain institutional memberships and donations. We have specified Rs.1,00,000 for institutional membership. We have obtained exemption certificate under section 80G(5) (VI) under Income Tax Act of 1961. This should help us to mobilise funds. In a very short span we have established our credentials in terms of research publications and membership. We need to use this to build a good endowment so that for future conferences we are in a position to rely at least partly on our own resources. I appeal to the members of the General Body to help us in this fund mobilising endeavour.

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*List of Research Papers since April 2006*

Author *	Title	Date Posted
Haiyan Zhang	<a href="#"><u>The Growth of China's Automotive Industry: A Challenging Process in the Nexus between Localisation and Globalisation</u></a>	30-OCT-07
Pushpa Trivedi	<a href="#"><u>Productivity in Manufacturing Sector: A Comparative View of India and China</u></a>	29-OCT-07
Stanley Nollen	<a href="#"><u>Labor Productivity and Cost in Indian and Chinese Software Firms</u></a>	29-OCT-07
Filip De Beule	<a href="#"><u>The Role of Foreign Direct Investment in the Internationalization of Innovation: China and India compared</u></a>	25-OCT-07
Arindam Banik	<a href="#"><u>Foreign Capital inflows to India and China A Tale of Two Economies</u></a>	24-OCT-07
K. Narayanan	<a href="#"><u>Determinants of R &amp; D in the Indian Pharmaceutical Sector: A firm level study of outward investors</u></a>	23-OCT-07
K. Narayanan	<a href="#"><u>Technological Efforts and Performance of IT MNCs from India</u></a>	23-OCT-07
Professor B. L. Pandit	<a href="#"><u>Inter-firm differences in FII portfolio investment in India</u></a>	28-SEP-07
Dr. Aradhna Aggarwal	<a href="#"><u>SEZs, Technology Spillovers and Industrial Diversification : Evidence from</u></a>	28-SEP-07
Vinish	<a href="#"><u>Entry Choice of Indian Multinationals A Transaction Cost Analysis</u></a>	31-AUG-07
K J Joseph	<a href="#"><u>Information Technology and Productivity Evidence from India's Manufacturing Sector</u></a>	29-AUG-07
Jaya Prakash Pradhan	<a href="#"><u>National Innovation System And The Emergence Of Indian Information And Software Technology Multinationals</u></a>	29-AUG-07
N. S. Siddharthan	<a href="#"><u>International Alliances and the Performance of Indian Software Firms</u></a>	29-AUG-07
Neelam Singh	<a href="#"><u>Quality Management System Standards and Being OEM/ Tier Exporter: Determinants for Indian Auto Component Firms</u></a>	29-AUG-07
U.Sankar	<a href="#"><u>Environmentally Sound Technologies For Sustainable Development Of China And India</u></a>	29-AUG-07
Soumitra Biswas	<a href="#"><u>Innovation Management An Indian Experience</u></a>	29-AUG-07

Dr Sumon Bhaumik	<a href="#"><u>Policy, Economic Federalism and Product Market Entry: The Indian Experience</u></a>	28-DEC-06
Subash Sasidharan	<a href="#"><u>MNC Subsidiaries and Technology Diffusion in Late Industrialising Countries: A comparison between Argentina and India</u></a>	17-NOV-06
G Baskaran	<a href="#"><u>Scientific Developments: A Vision</u></a>	04-OCT-06
Aya Okada	<a href="#"><u>Small Firms in the Indian Software Clusters</u></a>	04-OCT-06
T T Sreekumar	<a href="#"><u>Decrypting E-Governance: Narratives, Power play and Participation in the Gyandoot Intranet</u></a>	02-OCT-06
K. Narayanan	<a href="#"><u>Technology Acquisition and Competitiveness: Evidence from Indian IT Industry</u></a>	28-SEP-06
p v indiresan	<a href="#"><u>Investment for a Technology Future</u></a>	27-SEP-06
Sandip Sarkar	<a href="#"><u>Employment in ITC in India</u></a>	22-SEP-06
Haiyan Zhang	<a href="#"><u>China's Pharmaceutical Industry: Cluster Typologies and Characteristics</u></a>	22-SEP-06
K. Lal	<a href="#"><u>Small Islands, New Technologies and Globalization: A Case of ICT Adoption by SMRs in Mauritius</u></a>	19-SEP-06
Dr(Ms) Seema Singh	<a href="#"><u>Employment at High-end IT Enabled Services</u></a>	19-SEP-06
ARUP MITRA	<a href="#"><u>Imported Technology and Employment: Evidence from Panel Data on Indian Manufacturing Firms</u></a>	19-SEP-06
Professor B. L. Pandit	<a href="#"><u>MNEs, Product Differentiation, Skills and Employment: Lessons from Indian Experience</u></a>	19-SEP-06
A.S.Rao	<a href="#"><u>Sub-National Innovation network</u></a>	27-APR-06

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