

Chairman's Report for the Year 2014

Date: 22nd March, Sunday

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 2014.

The Elected Governing Board has the responsibility of running the day to day affairs of the Council and accordingly met 5 times during the year.

On the financials of the Council I would like to inform that the Council had a net cash **deficit of Dhs.5.409/- for the year 2014 against the surplus of Dhs.23,142/- for 2013**. The net accumulated surplus stands at **Dhs.1,16,228/-**. The membership of the Council stands at 43 individual members and 20 corporate members at the end of 2014 as against 45 individual members and 23 corporate members at the end of 2013.

The IBPC Sharjah Newsmagazine is the only Business Group Magazine in the UAE listed in the **Middle East MEDIA GUIDE 2012**. The magazine with a print run of 6000 copies is distributed to the business community from all nationalities by email and print covering almost 20,000 readers. The news magazine carries the roundup of all the major Indian business events in UAE, information about Indian business community, achievements & awards received by the Indian businessmen. IBPC Sharjah Newsmagazine has also won the **LEADER AWARD 2014** in the USA in the Summit Emerging Media Award Competition from amongst 1200 entries from 12 countries.

Thanks to Media Seen the PR agency and the Editorial Team for their professional support to the IBPC Sharjah News magazine. A special word of appreciation to Mr. Tanvir Kanji for devoting his time and efforts to make every issue unique and interesting.

The affiliate bodies of IBPC Sharjah Stands at 11

Other than the above, the following events and meetings were successfully concluded during 2014.

February

- IBPC Sharjah and ITEC m.e. hosted a welcome reception in Honor of the Ambassador of India to UAE H E Shri T P Seetharam and the Consul General H E Shri Anurag Bhushan on 25th February at ITEC m.e. premises.
- An interactive session with the High Level Delegation from Asian Arab Chamber of Commerce was held at ITEC m.e.

March

- IBPC Sharjah in coordination with the Association of Kerala Medical Graduates (AKMG Emirates) conducted 'Blood Donation' Camp on 27th March at ITEC m.e premises.
- ITEC m.e supported by IBPC Sharjah hosted a Buyer Seller Meet for Kerala Footwear Manufactures Association was conducted in March 2014. IBPC members were invited for the event.

April

- IBPC Sharjah – Annual General Meeting was held on 10th April, 2014 at ITEC m.e.
- Secretary from Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers from Govt of India Mr. Indrajit Pal IAS, Prof. (Dr.) S K Nayak, Director General of Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology, and Mr. Arvind Mehta, Chairman of All India Plastic manufacturers Association (AIPMA) visited in ITEC m.e. IBPC Sharjah members had an interactive session with the delegates.

May

- Delegates from International Vaish Federation visited ITEC m.e. while inaugurating their UAE Chapter in Dubai.

June

- Alpha Palliative Care an affiliate body of IBPC Sharjah organised a fund raiser on June 20th at World Trade Centre Dubai. IBPC Sharjah Members were invited for the fund raiser.

August

- IBPC Sharjah and ITEC m.e. represented by Mr. Sudesh K Aggarwal, Chairman of IBPC Sharjah and ITEC m.e. and Ms. Sripriyaa Kumaria, Director General of IBPC Sharjah and ITEC m.e. welcomed H E Abdalla Sultan Al Owais, new Chairman of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry at SCCI premises.

September

- IBPC Sharjah and EKATA conducted 'EKATA Navarathri Mandapam Sangeethotsavam' on 24th September to 2nd October at ITEC m.e. premises. As many as 1000 guests participated in the event.
- Dean of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (Deemed University) Dr. Jaydeep Mukherjee (Gold Medalist in Economics-Jadavpur University) Assistant Professor in Economics & Associate Editor, Foreign Trade Review (Sage Journal) visited in ITEC m.e. for an interactive session with Ms. Sripriyaa Kumaria, Director General of IBPC Sharjah and ITEC m.e. where the students were appraised about the various activities of IBPC Sharjah and ITEC m.e. and their role in fostering trade and business relations between India and UAE.

October

- ITEC m.e. in coordination with the Indian Embassy and Consulate organised 'India Expo 2014' on 15th and 16th October at Hotel Radisson Blu Deira. The event was conducted by Federation of Indian Export Organisations(FIEO). IBPC Sharjah members were invited for the BSM and the networking dinner with the exhibitors as well as the various officials from FIEO.

November

- IBPC Sharjah hosted a Welcome reception in honor of Mr. L M Asthana, Chief Executive, Bank of Baroda at ITEC m.e. Premises on 6th November.

- The Association of Minimal Access Surgeons of India –AMASI (Affiliated body of IBPC Sharjah) held their 9th Annual Conference on 14th to 16th Nov 2014 at Dubai. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Sudesh K Aggarwal, Chairman of IBPC Sharjah and ITEC m.e. and Ms. Sripriyaa Kumaria, Director General of IBPC Sharjah and ITEC m.e.
- A Buyer Seller meet for The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council was conducted 'Indian Cotton Textile Show' on 16th and 17th November at Traders Hotel Deira. IBPC Sharjah members were invited for the event.

For the year 2015, 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 2015:

- High level Delegation of Indian businessmen
- B2B Meetings and hosting various visiting delegations.
- Meet the Sharjah Government Event in the month of October 2015.
- Blood Donation Camp in association with AKMG.
- Joint event of Affiliate Bodies of IBPC Sharjah.
- Networking Seminar.
- NRI Cell activities.
- IBPC - Sharjah Directory.

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. Abdullah Bin Sultan Al Owais**, Chairman of SCCI and the Officers of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

I would like to thank **H.E. Shri T.P. Seetharam**, Ambassador of India to UAE and **H.E. Shri. Anurag Bhushan**, Consul General of India, officers and staff of the Indian Consulate for their support.

Many thanks to M/S Morrison Menon the honorary auditors of the Council, the Patrons, Elected Governing Body Members and Secretarial staff of IBPC Sharjah.

I would also like to thank the secretariat of IBPC Sharjah, Ms. Sripriyaa Kumaria and her team for her contribution to IBPC Sharjah and its activities.

Thanking you all

For **Indian Business & Professional Council**



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Chairman