

International Conference
on
India-ASEAN Partnership@25
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Mother Theresa Auditorium, Visakhapatnam

GITAM School of International Business (GSIB) organized an International Conference on India- ASEAN partnership @ 25 sponsored by EXIM Bank of India, Mumbai on 10th February, 2018 at the Mother Teresa Auditorium, GITAM, Visakhapatnam. The conference was attended by His Excellency Mr. Moe Kyaw Aung, Embassy of the Republic of Union of Myanmar, New Delhi; Mrs. Krongkanit Rakcharoen, Royal Thai Consulate General, Chennai; Mr. Muhammad Azfar Abdullah, First Secretary, High Commission of Malaysia, New Delhi; Ms. Phonekeo Sakdavong, First Secretary, Embassy of Lao PDR, New Delhi and Mr. Suresh Chukkapalli, Honorary Consular General, Republic of South Korea, Hyderabad. All the dignitaries attending the conference emphasized the importance of strengthening Indo-ASEAN cooperation over the years, and were very optimistic about the relationship moving forward. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. K.K. Narayanan, Joint Director GSIB. Prof. M.S. Prasada Rao Vice Chancellor, GITAM in his address highlighted the valuable role of the University in imparting quality education, research and global engagement. Prof. K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chancellor, GITAM in his address provided insights in the commonalities existing between India and ASEAN member nations in terms of its cultures and Gandhian values. Mr. Prahalathan Iyer, CGM, EXIM Bank spoke about the role of EXIM Bank in strengthening ties between India-ASEAN. The conference director Dr. Radha Raghuramapatruni said that India and the ASEAN uphold each other's centrality in shaping the evolving regional architecture. In pursuit of this objective, India's 'Look East' Policy had morphed into 'Act East' in the year 2014. The ASEAN-India put together consist one of the largest economic regions with a total population of about 1.8 billion. ASEAN is currently India's fourth largest trading partner, accounting for 10.2 percent of India's total trade. India, on the other hand, is ASEAN's 7th largest trading partner; India's service oriented economy perfectly complements the manufacturing-based economies of the ASEAN countries. India's association with Southeast Asia can be traced back to ancient times. No other country has influenced the region as much as India by way of religion, language, culture and civilisation and presented the formal Vote of Thanks. The conference was also attended by distinguished speakers - Dr. Prabhakaran Paleri, Former Director General, Indian

Coast Guard and Expert on Security Studies; Prof Ajay Patnaik, Dean, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi and Sri. Alok Dwivedi, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Visakhapatnam and Rear Admiral Flag Officer Commanding Chief Dinesh K Tripathi, NM, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet. The conference was attended by more than 400 plus participants and 40 papers were presented by delegates from various parts of the country.