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11th October 2022,
The Bengal Chamber premises

MEETING WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE (DIT) OF UK

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Interactive Session with the senior leadership team of Department of International Trade (DIT) of UK on 11th October 2022 at The Bengal Chamber premises. **Ms. Ajita Hathlia**, Department of International Trade, DIT's head of Trade and ODI and Mr. Nick Low, British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata graced the session.

Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and MD & CEO, Exide Industries Limited and **Mr. Gautam Ray**, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG were present in the session along with senior representatives of the relevant members and stakeholders companies of The Bengal Chamber, viz-

- Mr. Nikhil Jaiswal, General Manager- East, GreenBase Industrial & Logistics Park
- Ms. Reshmi Chatterjee, Entrepreneur Curator, Halo Heritage
- Mr. Avijit Das, Director, Hermes Voyages Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Charanpreet Singh, Co-Founder and Director, Praxis Business School Foundation

- Mr. Anupam Dutta, Partner- Data Analytics and Tax Technology, PwC India
- Mr. Digbijoy Chakraborty, CEO & MD, SunEco Tech Ventures Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Managing Director, Swach Environment Limited
- Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP
- Ms. Ina Bose, Director HR & Industrial Relations, Techno India Group & Sister Nivedita University
- Mr. Arijit Ghosh, Techno India Group & Sister Nivedita University
- Mr. Samujjal Ganguly, GM Policy & Corporate Affairs and Plant Head Falta, Vikram Solar Limited

During the discussions, some generic issues like ongoing visa turnaround time between UK and India and certain specific suggestions for easing the same were discussed. As there were representatives present in the forum, some other possible sectoral opportunities were discussed in the realms of education, water and sustainability, medical tourism, information technology and startups, fintech, tourism, heritage and real estate.



L-R : Mr. Nick Low, British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata ; Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Exide Industries Limited and Ms Ajita Hatilia, Director, Trade and UK Exports, The Department of International Trade (DIT) of UK with other senior members and stakeholders of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



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Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Exide Industries Limited felicitating Ms. Ajita Hatilia, Director, Trade and UK Exports, The Department of International Trade (DIT) of UK

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON "ENERGY TRANSITION, DECARBONIZATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE"

14th October 2022,
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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with Birla Institute of Technology Old Students Association –BITOSA, Kolkata Chapter organized the Round Table Discussion on "Energy transition, Decarbonization and Climate Change" on 14th October 2022 (Friday) at The Bengal Chamber premises.

Mr. Derek M Shah, Senior Vice President, Head Green Manufacturing & Development, L&T Energy, Larsen and Toubro Ltd and Mr. Ashim Kumar Goswami, Regional Executive Director, Eastern Region, NTPC Ltd were the Keynote Speakers.

The addresses were followed by a Panel Discussion on "Dynamics of Energy Transition" which was joined by Mr. Avik Roy, Director-Industrial, Exide Industries Limited and Ms. Neha Agrawal, Whole Time Director and Head Corporate Strategy - Business Planning & Control, Vikram Solar Limited.

The discussion included :

- Renewable Energy
- Green Hydrogen
- Advanced Battery
- Fuel Cells

The discussions included relevance and sustenance of thermal energy. It came out that in energy transition, all sources would

coexist for some time and then a time would come when renewables would surpass others. Going Green hydrogen was featured prominently in discussions. The future is going to be of hydrogen economy. Storage will play a major role – it was observed from the perspective of renewables. Importance of Atmanirbhar Bharat for manufacturing and capacity for designing was mentioned. Policies for competitive manufacturing and promoting RE investments would also help. Globally there has been a major shift of consumer preference for green components.

Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President, The Bengal Chamber and Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Exide Industries Limited was present. The highlight of his speech was "Sustainability comes with a cost which needs to be prioritized. Development is needed with sustainability." Based on the deliberations of the Round Table, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report, the over- arching message was clear - Limiting warming to 1.5 degree Celsius is still within reach but requires immediate and drastic action.

A mix of different renewable energy -generation technologies will be crucial to eliminating greenhouse gas emission (GHG) from fossil fuel. Industrial Sectors must electrify and implement transition to alternative base materials like carbon, hydrogen and waste materials. The future of Hydrogen and its derivatives

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will depend on the advancement of green and blue hydrogen. Electrification directly or indirectly via hydrogen is a huge opportunity for industry to cut emissions.

Mr. Vijay Burman, Chairman and Managing Director, Indo Bell Insulations Ltd & Managing Committee Member, BITMAA (BIT Mesra Alumni Association) & Past President, BITOSA Kolkata

Chapter and Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Managing Director, Swachh Environment Pvt Ltd and Director, Haldia Water Services Pvt Ltd. & Nangloi Water Services Pvt Ltd, Chair UK India Smart Water Working Group were present. Mr. Burman shared about BIT Mesra – its present courses and alumni. Mr. Daspatnaik moderated the discussions.



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The audience



L-R : **Mr. Alope Mookherjee**, Past President, The Bengal Chamber, Chairman, Howden Solyvent (India) Private Limited; **Ms. Neha Agarwal**, Whole Time Director and Head Corporate Strategy - Business Planning & Control, Vikram Solar Limited; **Mr. Vijay Burman**, Chairman and Managing Director, Indo Bell Insulations Ltd & Managing Committee Member, BITMAA (BIT Mesra Alumni Association) & Past President, BITOSA Kolkata Chapter; **Mr. Ashim Kumar Goswami**, Regional Executive Director, Eastern Region, NTPC Ltd; **Mr. Subir Chakraborty**, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Exide Industries Limited; **Mr. Derek M Shah**, Senior Vice President, Head Green Manufacturing & Development, L&T Energy, Larsen and Toubro Ltd; **Mr. Avik Roy**, Director-Industrial, Exide Industries Limited; **Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik** Managing Director, Swachh Environment Pvt Ltd and Director, Haldia Water Services Pvt Ltd. & Nangloi Water Services Pvt Ltd, Chair UK India Smart Water Working Group; **Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee**, Mentor, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber

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CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY OF SHORT TERM ONLINE BUSINESS CHINESE (A1) CERTIFICATE COURSE

18th October 2022,
Residence of The Consulate General of
the People's Republic of China

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; with Consulate General of China in Kolkata; Yunnan University and Foreign Affairs Office of Yunnan Province, recently concluded (18th June 2022- 24th September 2022) a "Short Term Online Business Chinese (A1) Certificate Course".

Mr. ZhaLiyou, Consul General, The Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Kolkata hosted a Certificate Presentation Ceremony at his residence on 18th October 2022.

Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President, The Bengal Chamber and MD and CEO, Exide Industries Limited was present at the ceremony. Both of them handed over the certificates to the participants and the nominating authorities.

The Course was launched with 20 participants from organizations such as CESC Limited; Damodar Valley Corporation; Delhi Public School; Exide Industries Limited; Mindtree; Navitus Controls & Equipment Pvt. Ltd.; NEO Enterprise; Om Leather Artdeco (P) Ltd; Tata Steel Ltd etc. We also had international participation from Bangladesh.

Ms. Ma Xiaoyan-Chinese Project Manager, Yunnan University and **Mr. Dong Chengsai**-Chinese Teacher, Yunnan University were the Trainers. The course was designed for starters, with

focus on oral communication in Chinese Language. It was a 60 hours course with weekend morning classes (4 hours per week, total 15 weeks). Participants are keen to take up the next level (A2) of the course.

The ceremony was followed by networking dinner.

Testimonies of some of the participants :

- **Ms. Shibani Chowdhury**, Project Engineer, Navitus Controls & Equipment Pvt. Ltd, said, "This course has not only enriched my knowledge about my neighboring country, it has given me the confidence that the great wall can be crossed".
- **Ms. Debarati Sengupta**, Associate Manager, Mindtree said, "It has been a delightful experience for me to participate in this fantastic Chinese language course designed for business. The course has been very interesting, got to know a lot on Chinese culture & people."

Most of the participants were requested for doing the next level (A2) of the course.