

President's Message



Asian Academy of Film & Television while developing the skills of the students also offers an opportunity to interact with Diplomats from countries around the world. International Chamber of Media and Entertainment Industry which is headed by me deals with the Embassies and High Commissions located in New Delhi. The sole aim of the Chamber is to unite the world and bring about peace through art and culture.

This interaction with Diplomats will give the students a thorough grounding in the art and science of diplomacy. They will also learn about global politics and economics, as well as develop a deep appreciation for cultures around the world. In the process, they will also develop a rich understanding of how to engage with the world around us.

KMEI has created Film & Cultural Forums with over 40 countries with the Ambassadors/ High Commissioners as Patrons of the Forums. Mutual exchange of various art forms and students take place on a regular basis.

I dedicate this book to some of the Diplomats who have enlightened our students with their words of wisdom and supported us in our path of growth.

SANDEEP MARWAH



CYPRUS



H.E. Demetrios Theophylactou

High Commissioner of Cyprus in India accredited to Bangladesh, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar and Vietnam.

High Commissioner Demetrios holds a Ph.D. in International Relations, Comparative Politics and Political Economy. Mr Theophylactou started his career as an Editor and joined the Diplomatic Service of Cyprus as the Press Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations in New York.

Patron of the Indo Cyprus Film & Cultural Forum.



CANADA



H.E. Soyung Park

*Deputy High Commissioner to India and Deputy Ambassador
to Nepal and Bhutan*

H.E. Soyung Park, did her Bachelor's in Law from University of Alberta. She has been the Executive Director, Global Case Management System; Chief Information Officer, Citizenship and Immigration, Canada; prior to being posted to India.



VENEZUELA



H.E. Augusto Montiell
Ambassador of Venezuela to India

H.E. Augusto Montiell has served at very important and prestigious positions prior to being appointed as the Ambassador to India. He was Presidential envoy to Commander Hugo Chavez and envoy for the Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro.

He is also the Patron of the Indo Venezuela Film & Cultural Forum.



MONGOLIA



H.E. Ganchig Gantbold
Ambassador of Mongolia to India

H.E. Ganchig GANTBOLD is Ambassador of Mongolia to India since 2015. He joined the Foreign Service in 1980 and served as Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). He has worked at Mongolia Embassies in New Delhi, Washington D.C., London as well as Ministry of Finance, National Security Council, Mongolia. H.E. Gantbold is also the Patron of the Indo Mongolia Cultural forum.



GUATEMALA



*H E Gargya de La Roche
Ambassador of Guatemala to India*

H E Roche was appointed as the first Guatemalan Ambassador to India in July 2013. He previously served as the Ambassador to Canada from 2000 to early 2014, working to consolidate the successful temporary guest worker program between both countries. H E Roche is also the Patron of the India Guatemala Cultural Forum



ROMANIA



H E Radu Octavian Debre
Ambassador of Romania to India

H E Radu Octavian Debre began his professional career as a journalist in 1990, specialising in international relations. He published a large number of articles on international relations for the newspapers. In 2013, Mr. Radu Debre was appointed *Chargé d'Affaires* at the Romanian Embassy in New Delhi and now has been elevated as the *Ambassador*. He is also the *Patron* of the *Indo Romanian Film & Cultural Forum*.



ICELAND



H.E. Thore Ibsen

Ambassador of Iceland to India with accreditation to Bangladesh, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Seychelles, South Africa and Sri Lanka

H.E. Thore Ibsen has been Ambassador of Iceland to India since 2014. He has also been Ambassador of Iceland to the European Union and to Singapore with accreditation to Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland. He is the Patron of India Iceland Film & Cultural Forum.



SLOVENIA



H E. Juref Drolenik
Ambassador of Slovenia to India

H E. Juref Drolenik is the Ambassador of Slovenia since 2013. He has been associated with very important positions such as Ambassador, Officer of the Director General for European Diplomacy and Ambassador to Poland. The Ambassador is the Patron of the Indo-Slovenia Cultural Forum.



LEBANON



H.E. Ghassan ABDEL KHALEK
Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of Lebanon to India

H.E. Khaled started his career in the Attaché, Ministry of Emigrants of Lebanon in the year 1995. He has been posted in Brazil, Kuwait, Liberia, Somalia and is presently the Charge d' Affaires in India. He is also the **Patron of Indo Lebanese Cultural Forum**.