



Press Information Note

Lithuania opens its Consulate in Mumbai

- Mr. Vygaudas Usackas, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania inaugurates Consulate
- Mr. Dainius Kreivys, Minister of Economy, The Republic of Lithuania & Mr. O.P. Lohia, Honorary Consul, Mumbai, grace the occasion



Mumbai 4th December 2009:

Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Vygaudas Usackas, on his first official visit to India, today inaugurated their Consulate in Mumbai. Present on this occasion were Mr. Dainius Kreivys, Minister of Economy of Lithuania, Dr. Albertas Algirdas Dambrauskas, Minister Counsellor and Charge D' Affaires of Lithuania and Mr. O. P. Lohia, Honorary Consul, Mumbai.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Vygaudas Usackas, Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Republic of Lithuania**, said, "The opening of the Consulate in India reiterates Lithuania's commitment in

ensuring that the two countries maintain the best of economic and social relations. It further emphasizes the keenness for opening avenues to explore mutual interests. Despite being a small and young country, ours is an exciting place for India to do business.

During our interactions with several leaders of the business world both in Delhi and Mumbai, we have found a lot of enthusiasm for enhanced business collaboration with Lithuania.”

Commenting on this occasion **Mr. O. P. Lohia, Honorary Consul, Mumbai, Republic of Lithuania** said, “The opening of the Consulate in Mumbai shall ensure a clear passage for the growth of business between the two countries. Considering the importance of Mumbai and the region as the financial and industry hub, the Consulate has been opened to better facilitate bilateral trade between India and Lithuania. Lithuania offers an excellent investment friendly environment and Indian companies will surely find an excellent base in Lithuania to explore the European markets.”

The Ministers are accompanied by a 30 member business delegation comprising of the heads from various Lithuanian Trade Associations and representatives from a variety of sectors, viz Bio-Energy, Re-cycling raw materials, Food, Textiles, Logistics, Real estate and Investments to showcase prospects of business and investments in Lithuania while exploring possibilities of the same in India for Lithuanian industry. In Delhi, the delegation met several Indian Business Leaders in a meeting organized by The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). In Mumbai, the delegation today had a detailed interaction with business leaders which was organized by Confederation of Indian Industry.

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