



## Business Summit 2015

Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA) in association with India-New Zealand Friendship Association (INZFA) organized the Business Summit 2015 on 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 at Hyatt Regency, Chennai. The Business Summit deliberated on the economic development and collaborative partnership between India and New Zealand.

The summit began on an auspicious note with the lighting of the Kuthuvilakku by dignitaries. Prof. R.Maria Saleth, Director LIBA welcomed the distinguished guests and inaugurated the Conference. Rev.Fr.A.M.Francis Jayapathy SJ, Rector, Loyola College, addressed the gathering and spoke on the historic nature of India's trade relationships across the oceans and encouraged friendly association between nations for sustainable growth. Rev.Fr.N.Casimir Raj SJ, President, LIBA, shared the idea, path and vision of the summit. He stressed on the importance of the summit as not just an academic exercise but a platform to build business, social and academic excellence.

Mr. Wenceslaus Anthony, Founder and Chairman – INZFA, read out the message of New Zealand Prime Minister Rt. Hon. John Key, in which he highlighted the long standing and broad relationship between India and New Zealand and the well-developed connections between both the countries. He mentioned that deepening New Zealand's trade, economic, political and people-to-people linkages with India is a top priority for his Government. He also deliberated on the many opportunities available to grow bilateral trade, particularly in sectors such as food, ICT, manufacturing and services, and green technologies. Progressing the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement is an important element in this and New Zealand stands ready to progress these negotiations. Building enduring and successful partnerships with India will produce huge rewards for both countries for years to come.

His Highness The Prince of Arcot, Nawab Mohammed Abdul Ali highlighted the importance of friendship between countries and how friendship was the cement that could hold the world together. Mr.P.Murari, Advisor, Hon.President, FICCI, Mr.J.K.Dadoo, Joint Secretary & DGAD, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Sir Anand Satyanand, Chairman, Commonwealth Foundation, Mr. Grahame Morton, New Zealand High Commissioner to India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Zealand, Mr. Mark Powell, CEO, Warehouse Group Limited, Mr. Clayton Kimpton, Consul-General to Dubai, Mr. Bhav Dhillon, MD, CEMIX were the eminent speakers of the day.

The topic of the panel discussion was "INZFA and its role in promoting trade and business between India and New Zealand". The session was chaired by Mr. Kevin McKenna, The New Zealand Consul General and the panelists were Mr. Sameer Handa, Group CEO with Patton Ltd, Mr. Ashish Trivedi, CEO of Newton College of Business and Technology (NCBT), Mr. Steve Dsouza, the Chairman and Managing Director, Kalamazoo Group of Companies, Mr Ashish Hemrajani, Founder, Book My Show and Dr Parmjeet Parmar, Member of the New Zealand Parliament.

The Valedictory Session commenced with a report on the Summit 2015 delivered by Mr.Ashish Chandy, Student Coordinator, Business Summit. Prof. Lawrence Surendra, Co-founder and Chairman of the Sustainability Platform and Chief Guest of the Valedictory Session, delivered the valedictory address.

The vote of thanks was given by Prof. Victor Louis Anthuvan, Professor of Finance and Dean (Research), LIBA. It was an enriching experience for the students, faculty, corporate and academic delegates, thanks to tremendous efforts taken by LIBA-INZFA team.