



IITians Association of Australia

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Dear IITians,

At the outset, we wish you and your family a very **Happy Deepawali** and best wishes of the festive season.

Well it's time to deliver you the final newsletter by this year's executive committee. It has been a terrific year in terms of building IIT's and IITAA's profile in Australia as well as globally. Although it was a lot of hard work but the results are certainly encouraging.

As a testimony to acknowledgement of our efforts in this direction, we had an appreciation letter from Bob Carr, ex- premier of New South Wales. In his letter he said "IITs *promote the Indian brand globally and the organisation's graduates are considered one of India's most valuable exports. IITAA also plays an important role in providing networking opportunities*". This letter has found a place in various IIT's and IITians Association's websites globally.

This is the first year when we had prestigious sponsors which includes Australian Computer Society, Invest Australia and Avo Piling. Australian Computer Society and Institution of Engineers, Australia have come forward to support our future events. We thank them all for their confidence in IITAA executive team. We would also like to sincerely thank each one of you for your support and encouragement all along this journey.

Remember, we have miles to go before we sleep.....

Other news includes:

- **IITAA has been formally invited to join Global Pan-IIT:** IITAA is now a member of Global Pan IIT working group, which is a matter of great honour. This has excellent potential to raise IITAA and IIT's profile in Australia using Global Pan-IIT resources. Others on this working group are IITians Association of Japan, Singapore, USA, UK etc. Working group is led by a Steering Committee comprising IITians of the stature of Kanwal Rekhi, Desh Deshpande, Vinod Khosla, Rajat Gupta etc.
- **IITAA has been "institutionalised"** now and recognised world over as the association representing IITians in Australia. IITAA URL is now proudly displayed on the websites of Pan-IIT, IIT Foundation, IIT global etc.
- **Networking at Rocks:** Planned for 7th December 2005 this would provide networking opportunities for all IITians. Free drinks would be provided to IITAA financial members. It is being planned at Shangri-La and Avo Piling has sponsored this event. A Flier announcing the event will be soon sent out.

- **IITAA spread its wings to network across border.** Our EC member Vivek Sheel recently took time off from his holidays at NZ to connect with Sanjay Khosla, IIT D Batch 1973, now MD of Fonterra (includes NZ Dairy, second largest dairy in NZ), our potential candidate for next networking event.
- **AGM is around the corner** and a notice has been sent out to you. Please participate whole-heartedly in it and help us in getting together a powerful working committee for the next year to take IITAA to greater heights.

Join us in saying ...IIT Ka Tempo High Hai !!!

With best wishes,
IITAA Executive Team