BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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Mr. Kulatunga Perera joined the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL) as head of Research and Policy Advocacy Unit in August 2009.

Prior to joining FCCISL, Mr. Kulatunga served the Sri Lankan public service for over 32 years specializing in the sphere of National Trade Policy Formulation, promotion of Sri Lanka’s exports of goods and services and investment overseas and Bilateral Economic Cooperation and Development Assistance.


Mr. Kulatunga also served as Executive Director of the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) a Commodity related Development Financial Institute established under the aegis of UNCTAD representing India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Mr. Kulatunga has compiled 17 research papers on Macro Economic Policy, and Trade-related which have been published in the Daily Financial Times newspaper in Sri Lanka.

Mrs. Archana Bhatnagar
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Mrs. Bhatnagar is a first generation entrepreneur and founder of three manufacturing businesses. She is currently the Managing Director of Haylide Chemicals Pvt Ltd, a producer of ecological cleaning and sanitizing products for professionals.

She is the founding President of Madhya Pradesh Association of Women Entrepreneurs (MAWE), an NGO that seeks to empower women through entrepreneurship. Mrs. Bhatnagar has helped many women set up and run small businesses with a focus on sustainability.

Mrs. Bhatnagar has served on the National Task Force for Women Entrepreneurs set up by the Government of India, which, besides focusing on the empowerment of women, seeks to improve export skills of young people. She is the Chair of the Institute Managing Committee of Model Industrial Training Institute, Jabalpur, and a Member of the Confederation of Indian Industries’ National Council for MSMEs. She has been on the board of Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and a Senior Vice-President of Jabalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

She frequently contributes as a panelist and speaker at global events, including forums held by United Nations agencies, the World Trade Organization, the OECD, and the World Bank Institute.