



German-Indian Round Table Hamburg

Gesprächsforum für Handel, Industrie  
und Mittelstand

## Quo vadis India? Deliberations on the Road Ahead

Dear friends of GIRT Hamburg,

We cordially invite you to the next meeting of German-Indian Round Table in Hamburg on 27<sup>th</sup> of May (18:30h). Considering that past few weeks and months have witnessed mixed reporting on India in Germany, a feeling of uncertainty has been created in some quarters. Concerns have been raised about issues such as the protection of intellectual property, ease of doing business, slowing pace of economic growth, and even of personal safety of women in India. The volume of bilateral trade too has gone down the previous year.

And yet, there seems to be a clear silver line on the horizon, as expressed by the strong fundamentals of India's geography, demography, polity, and economy. In this meeting we intend to discuss, why despite all challenges – perceived or real – India continues to remain a resilient and attractive destination of choice for businesses seeking new and stable business models, valuable impulses for product and service innovations, and as a source of foreign direct investments (FDI). To put it in a nutshell, given the global socio-economic conditions Indo-German bilateral relations offer opportunities on a scale never witnessed before.

It is our pleasure to welcome Mr. Mukesh Ambasta, the Acting Consul General of India in Hamburg, as our guest that evening to share insights on policy measures and other efforts India is undertaking to revert to its targeted trajectory of growth. His talk would be preceded by a brief overview of recent economic developments in India upon completion of the fiscal year 2012-13 by Dr. Rajnish Tiwari, Head of GIRT Hamburg.

We will also utilize this opportunity to inform our members about the upcoming "India Week Hamburg", scheduled to be celebrated from 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013, which is – as in previous years – co-organized by GIRT Hamburg in close collaboration with institutional players such as the Senate Chancellery and Ministry of Culture of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Hamburg Business Development Corporation (HWF) along with many other valued partners from the Metropolitan Region.

As usual, this GIRT meeting will take place in Hotel Baseler Hof (Esplanade 11, 20354 Hamburg). In case of interest please write to [tiwari@tuhh.de](mailto:tiwari@tuhh.de). Owing to space constraints we reserve the right to admission and will explicitly confirm accepted registrations. Please also note that GIRT meetings are held as a "Stammtisch" which means there is no entry or participation fee but the participants are expected to consume their evening meal at the venue and pay for one's own consumption.

Looking forward to an interesting and informative get together!

With kind regards,

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