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IChE Celebrates Diamond Jubilee with e-Waste Management Conference

Mumbai, May 19, 2007: The Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IChE) – the apex body of chemical engineering professionals in India – kicked off its diamond jubilee celebrations with an international conference on e-waste management on May 18th, 2007. The conference held in Mumbai is the first of a series of events to be held across the country to mark the Institute’s 60-year record of service to industry and society.

The conference saw some of renowned experts in the field sharing insightful research reports, making presentations and engaged in constructive dialogue on the subject. Some of the luminaries present included Mr. K. Venkataramanan, President, IChE, and Member of the Board, L&T, Mr. Partha Ghosh, Chairman, Boston Analytics, Dr. Rama Iyer, Chairman, Aker Kvaerner, and Mr. B. Sengupta, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Mr. U. K. Basu, Executive Director, Indian Oil Corporation, among others.

Delegates from the IChE Centres at Delhi, Bangalore and Baroda participated via video conference facility. The objective was to look for a roadmap that would promote optimum growth with long-term sustainability for e-waste management in India.

Mr. B. Sengupta , Member Secretary, CPCB, in his inaugural address highlighted the plans that Central Pollution Control Board has for e Waste Management and the steps for implementation of standards in India.

Mr. K. Venkataramanan, threw light on how IChE, over its long and glorious history has emerged as one of the most prominent industry bodies in India. He said: “Chemical engineering technology needs to position itself more emphatically as being critical to the economy. Whether it is the cutting-edge nanotechnology or biotechnology industry or more traditional streams – all of them depend on chemical engineers to make their



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products and process a reality.” He elucidated on IICChE’s tradition of attracting the finest engineering talent and the need to infuse more vigour in its pursuit for intellectual capital.

Mr. Venkataramanan said e-waste is emerging as a major problem in India. “We would like to find solutions,” he said, “for handling e-waste in a sustainable and cost-effective manner. At this international conference, we have brought together experts in the field for knowledge sharing for formulating a roadmap for reducing, reusing and recycling of e-waste.”

The issue of e-waste management is an extremely relevant and pertinent one in today’s age of technology and electronics. The tremendous growth and technological advancements in electronic data management and communications have spurred economic growth and improved living standards.

The seminar touched upon several aspects of e-waste management – the Indian as well as international scenario, recycling and reverse logistics, as well as a detailed understanding of the market dynamics. Poster and paper competitions were also conducted which saw fresh ideas being churned on how best to tackle the problem.

It was a day of discussions, debate, and deliberations on how the industry and companies can together join hands to meet the challenge that e-waste has posed before us.

About IICChE:

Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IICChE) was established in 1947, with 30 members. Today, with about 14,000 members on its rolls, the Institute has emerged as an important national platform overseeing the interest of the academia and the industry in the multifarious fields of chemical engineering. Its activities are spread across the country through its HQ and 33 Regional Centres as well as 58 Student Chapters. In these 60 years since its inception, IICChE has been playing a proactive role in moulding itself to the need of the hour and making a meaningful contribution towards a sustainable growth of the larger society.



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Mr. K. Venkataramanan, President, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineering (IIChE), and Member of the Board, L&T, addressing the gathering at the diamond jubilee celebration of IIChE in Mumbai on May 18, 2007.



Cake cutting by Mr. G. J. V. J. Raju, past President of Indian Institute of Chemical Engineering (IIChE) at the diamond jubilee celebration of IIChE in Mumbai on May 18, 2007.

Mr. K. Venkataramanan, President, IIChE, and other past Presidents look on.