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FICAC South Asia Regional Conference The Biggest Ever



H. E. Mr. Tejendra Khanna, Honourable Lt. Governor of Delhi addresses the Conference.

H. E. Mr. Tejendra Khanna, Honourable Lt. Governor of Delhi, in his opening address said;

I am privileged to have been invited to the inaugural session of this first South Asia Regional Conference organized by FICAC. My sense is that every human being living on the globe is basically seeking a simple life of peace and happiness. That is the fundamental quest which unites human beings across all frontiers, borders, countries and other divisions. Everybody wants peace and happiness. We all strive to meet the basic requirements of life on earth, which are shelter,

food, clothing, good relationships with fellow human beings and an environment of peace, in which one can try to connect with the Source from which all human beings and all creation have descended. Now the fundamental reality is that peace and harmony are indivisible. If we are seeking it for ourselves, the only way we can actually achieve it is if we also become an instrument of promoting peace, wellbeing and happiness for our fellow human beings. We cannot say that we will be at peace but will clobber everybody else who stands in our way. That will invite a severe, adverse reaction because it

is said that the world is a mirror and everything we do ultimately gets reflected back at us.

In the world today there are many conflicts based on differences of political ideology clashing economic interests or religious differences. But I think that while all this is going on and one cannot by oneself change the world in our own small ways we have to consciously try to promote around us a sense of well being, a sense of sharing, a sense of service, sensitivity to other fellow human beings and also to strive to take steps towards enhancing regional peace, global peace and harmony,

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sharing of goodwill and sharing of our capacities to promote the well-being of fellow human beings across the world. So I would urge that anybody in the diplomatic field, and, indeed diplomacy means that one is acting as a bridge between the country that one represents and the country where one happens to be posted, should strive to bring the two countries and their peoples together. As Hony. Consuls belong

classified as "Secret". That Act has the aim of empowering our citizens to demand information as to why the state has taken certain actions or has omitted to take certain actions which may have been beneficial for advancing the larger public good. In my view, one of the defining aspects of life which characterizes developed societies or countries is that they have placed the individual as the centre piece of their Polity

the opportunity to garner by his honest efforts what is needed to live a meaningful life both in material terms and in terms of cultivation of the higher faculties with which all human beings are endowed.

So, in my view, a key role which members of the Hony. Consular Corp should be playing and, I am sure you are already playing it, is firstly to learn all about the overseas countries you are representing in terms of their political life, in terms of their social development, their economic growth activities, how they are empowering their citizens, how they are making life in the public domain more efficient and more productive, etc. For instance, a fine example of creation of rapid bus transit corridors in metro cities has come from a small town called Curitiba in Brazil, where community leaders started laying out dedicated bus lanes so that the public bus transportation system could function more efficiently and more people could be transported across the city. The Curitiba model has now gone across the world. Even, Delhi is introducing Bus rapid transit corridors, the idea being that the pattern of sharing available road space between corridors meant for public transportation buses which carry may be more than 50 persons per bus and cars in which may be 2-3 persons are traveling should be such as gives a higher weightage to meeting the needs of the public at large who use public transport. I have cited this a small example, from a remote area, suddenly emerging as a worldwide model. I have also seen BBC programmes on small innovations which have made a tangible positive difference in people's lives. The other day, I was watching the BBC World News programme and they were talking about one of the cities in Taiwan, in which every evening, around 6 o'clock, the Municipal garbage van



Lt. Governor H. E. Mr. Tejendra Khanna is presented with the Souvenir Programme of the FICAC South Asia Regional Conference by Hon. K. L. Ganju. Also in picture is Hon. Vivek Burman, Dean of the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique – India.

to the host country, they naturally have good local knowledge and are familiar with what is happening in terms of economic growth objectives, social development and civil society empowerment, to enable people to intervene more constructively in guiding the affairs of their society and their nation. In India, since the last few years there is a Central statute called the "Right to Information Act" which allows every Indian citizen to call for any information from any Public Governance/public service organizations other than what is

and Society. Empowerment of the citizen, respecting the citizen, giving him all opportunities under the Constitution and the laws becomes a critical objective. These are, I think, the landmarks which actually show that here is a society which aims at honouring, respecting and giving central importance to the individual citizen. I can say with pride that in its very Preamble, the Indian Constitution cites as one of its basic objectives: "to advance the dignity of the individual", dignity implying not only giving him all his basic needs and requirements but

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comes to a given location. People in the neighbouring apartment buildings come down to the street with their bags of recyclable and non-recyclable waste and while they are waiting for the van, they talk to each other and socialize. When that municipal van arrives the citizens

change the world alone, but as I said in the beginning, in my view, every single person can either make a positive contribution, towards greater peace, greater unity, greater sense of mutual understanding, mutual respect, a better relationship or he can do the converse. I can

possible, you will draw that person into a good mutual relationship. So, if we wish to criticize other peoples or countries or societies, we may be able to find 101 reasons to do so. But if we want to build a good relationship, we have to do so with a searching eye, and find many good reasons why we would like to a build up good relationship. The choice is ours and ultimately, as it is said, "As you sow, so shall you reap". If we sow grapes we will reap a harvest of grapes; if we sow something bitter, we will eventually reap that bitter harvest. So my short point is and the time given to you in your representative capacities, please make an honest effort to build bridges of friendship, respect and mutual sharing which will enhance the quality of life on both sides and help the world to become a better place. Though the world as a whole will not change, in the areas where you have had some influence, a positive change did occur. Recently when a foreigner asked the Dalai Lama, which in his view was the best religion, and thought the answer would be "Tibetan Buddhism," the Dalai Lama's answer was the best religion is the one which promotes a sense of greater compassion for fellow human beings and fellow creatures. Any religion which does that and takes you in the direction of greater compassion, greater sharing and sensitivity is, I think, the one that reflects the essential spirit of that religion. So, we need to dive deeper into ourselves to bring out our positivity and see how it is reflected back from our fellow human beings with whom we interact. We can thus make our small positive contribution in this massive multi-trillion piece world jigsaw puzzle, by placing therein a few pieces of peace, harmony and mutual respect.



Hon. Vivek Burman presents the FICAC Award of Appreciation to H. E. Mr. Tejendra Khanna. Also in picture is Hon. K. L. Ganju, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Conference.

dump their garbage themselves into the van and after this is done, the Driver rings the bell, and goes off. This is again a small example but suggests a participative model from which something positive can be learned. In other words, such practices which you feel can offer a learning paradigm for others, and can be shared beneficially, is something useful and important which Hony. Consuls should be able to convey to the functionaries of host countries, where they happen to live.

So, at the end, I would like to say is that one often feels he cannot

assure you that if any two persons want to develop a good relationship, it can only be based on positives which they recognize in each other. No human being is perfect and everyone has a mix of positives and negatives. If you start focussing on another person's negatives, you will never develop a good relationship. You will have 101 reasons to think he is not worth your friendship. However, if you pick up the person's good qualities and have the eye to perceive that the person has a good sense of humor, he is very considerate, he is sensitive, he tries and helps others whenever

Development Of Trade Is One Of The Main Functions Of The Consul – Arnold Foote



The Honourable Arnold Foote OJ,
President, World Federation of Consuls.

- *Your Excellency Mr. Tejendra Khanna, Hon. Lt. Governor of Delhi,*
- *Your Excellencies, Dean and Members of the Diplomatic Corps,*
- *President and members of the Honorary Consular Corps-Diplomatique – India*
- *Directors and members of the World Federation of Consuls,*
- *Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen*

I am deeply honoured to be here and be part of the First FICAC South Asia Regional Consular Conference, and I thank you Hon. Kartar Bhalla for that kind and warm introduction.

I cannot find enough words to describe the graciousness and hospitality that we have all received from we arrived here in beautiful New Delhi. Thank you very much. The Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique – India, the organizer

of this historic event, is a very important member of our Federation and has played an integral part in its development. They have done a marvelous job, and I would like to congratulate and thank the President of the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique – India, Hon Vivek Burman, the Secretary General of the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique – India and Director of FICAC, Hon. K. L. Ganju, the Chairman of the FICAC South Asia Region and Director of FICAC, Hon. Kartar Bhalla, and all the members of the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique – India, for the excellent work done in making this event possible.

When I look at this conference room, I have to mention that the setting is beautiful, the atmosphere is wonderful and the attendance is excellent. Thank you again gentlemen. You have done our Federation proud.

I would like now, to briefly tell you about our Federation.

The World Federation of Consuls was established in Copenhagen in October 1982. FICAC was born out of the necessity to bring together Consular Corps and Consular Associations to share experiences and coordinate efforts to enhance the effectiveness and status of the Consul, the oldest institution serving international bilateral relations.

The World Federation of Consuls is incorporated in Belgium by Royal Decree as a Non-Profit International Organization, and our Federation's Permanent Secretariat is located in

Brussels Belgium at 246 Avenue de Tervuren.

Our Federation aims to:

- Promote and strengthen mutual understanding between Honorary Consuls and Career Consuls worldwide;
- Develop a framework and basis for exchange of current information, ideas and suggestions, regarding matters related to the office of Honorary Consul;
- Promote at national and international levels for a better understanding of duties and responsibilities, rights and privileges of Honorary Consuls;
- It is of critical importance for you to know that we abstain from all religious or political activities and from the practice of any discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, colour, religion or other such grounds.

In 2006, when I was elected President of the World Federation of Consuls for the first time, I made a pledge to change the centre of influence of our Federation from Europe, to be more inclusive towards Asia, Africa and the Americas.

I am pleased to say that I have kept that promise and today, our Federation has organizations in every region of the World.

We have established the following FICAC Regions:

- East Asia – Chairman, Hon. Vince Carlos of the Philippines
- South Asia – Chairman, Hon. Kartar Bhalla of India
- South America – Chairman, Hon. Lamartine Hollanda Jr. of Brazil

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- Central America – Chairman, Hon. Eric Coufal of Mexico
- North America – Chairman, Hon. Paulina Biggs Sparkuhl of USA
- Caribbean – Chairman, Hon. Rosendo Alvarez of the Dominican Republic
- East Europe – Chairman, Hon. Marko Smole of Slovenia
- South Europe – Chairman, Hon. Nikolaos Margaropoulos of Greece
- West Europe – Chairman, Hon. Count Niccolo Caissotti di Chiusano of Monaco

Development, Membership, Legal, Education, Consular Privileges Protection, International Relations, Public Relations, Cultural Exchange, FICAC Regional Forums, Environment and Climate Change, Vienna Convention Review, Advisory Committee and FICAC/UNICEF, our humanitarian outreach programme. This programme is designed to raise funds to benefit underprivileged children with HIV/AIDS. Our slogan for our outreach activity is “Consuls turning Caring into Action”.

- The FICAC 25th Anniversary program which brought the membership closer together and increased the membership considerably
- The World Federation of Consuls has United Nations recognition as an NGO with ECOSOC Status. Our Federation has similar recognition at the European Union and is also recognized by the Organization of American States
- The FICAC Regional Consular Conferences



From Left; Hon. Nand Khemka, Mrs. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament of India Dr. Shashi Tharoor, being presented with a book on “Beautiful Jamaica”, Mrs. Arnold Foote, Mrs. Nand Khemka, Hon. Arnold Foote OJ.

- North Europe – Chairman, Hon. Aykut Eken of Turkey
 - Middle East – Chairman, Hon. Khaled Miqdadi of Jordan
 - West Africa – Chairman, Hon. Dimitri Avraam of Ghana
 - North and South Africa – Chairman, Hon. Amarkai Amarteifio, Vice President of FICAC
- The FICAC Regions are based on the United Nations categorization.

Committees have been set up to deal with specific issues of our Federation. Each Committee has been defined as to its purpose and how it is expected to operate. Our Committees include Trade

Some of our other achievements include the following;

- Our education programme with Centre d’Etudes Diplomatiques et Strategiques in Paris
- FICAC educational workshops have already been introduced
- Our International Trade Expos and Trade Fairs which achieved huge success in several countries
- The FICAC/UNICEF agreement
- The FICAC Consular Privileges Protection Committee
- The FICAC website www.ficacworld.org
- The FICAC News publication
- The first FICAC Who’s Who publication

- The FICAC Gold Star presented only to distinguished world leaders. Several such presentations have already been made.
- The FICAC Medal of Honour to give recognition to Consuls who have made excellent contributions in their Receiving States
- The FICAC Regional Forums programme, recently launched in the beautiful conference room at the European Union with the FICAC European Forum
- The FICAC International Cultural Galas. These galas allow Consulates and Embassies to present the cultural programmes of the countries that they represent to the people of



FICAC President Arnold Foote is seen in the lamp lighting ceremony, part of the official opening of the FICAC South Asia Regional Conference. Also in picture is H. E. Mr. Tejendra Khanna, Lt. Governor of Delhi, and Hon. K. L. Ganju, who also participated in the lighting ceremony.

the Receiving State free of cost, giving persons who cannot afford to travel an opportunity to experience the cultures of other countries.

- Our membership programme is having excellent results and I recently had the honour and privilege to attend the official inauguration of the Forum of Consuls of Bangladesh. It was an excellent event in the presence of His Excellency, Hon. Mohammed Zillur Rahman, President of Bangladesh.

- On 17th September 2010, the World Federation of Consuls signed a Partnership Agreement with the Prince Albert II Foundation of Monaco. The Foundation, created by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II, is very active in the fields of the environment and climate change. Our Federation is honoured and proud to be in partnership with the Prince Albert II Foundation.

Our Federation will always strive to preserve, protect and develop the

established and well functioning Consular system operating and acting for the benefit of the Sending and Receiving States.

Mutual respect and adherence to the principles recognized in the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963 will continue to be used to promote Consular cooperation in each member country.

We will always be responsive to the differing needs of our members. In that process, my administration is exploring on a country to country and regional basis, the issues that concern our membership and will try to address them, and where necessary, strive for official change in the international systems that control our work.

Consular operations can no longer be confined to the issuance of travel documents, and attention to the welfare of the nationals of the countries that we represent, as globalization has altered

the framework of bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Several countries worldwide are closing their embassies for budgetary reasons and are appointing more Honorary Consuls to serve in countries in which they have business interests.

The role of the Honorary Consul must therefore be expanded to encompass the full range of economic, political and diplomatic relations. This expanded role is particularly important for developing countries and small States which cannot afford global deployment of their foreign service.

It is in this context that Consular representatives must constantly update the theory and practice of the craft, as we become more relevant to the global struggle for peace, security and sustainable development.

A critically important component of peace, democracy and development, is economic growth. In today's world economy, which is being transformed by a comprehensive process of advanced globalization, international trade is the engine of economic growth, and has assumed an increasingly prominent role in State to State relations.

The development of trade is one of the main functions of the Consul, and its promotion is integral to my administration. The purpose of the FICAC Trade Development Committee is to promote cross border business, trade development and networking amongst members. Its operation is to organize and host Trade Expos, Trade Fairs and trade missions.



Seen above; FICAC President Arnold Foote, presents the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique - India Award of Excellence to Hon. Ashish Saraf. Looking on are Hon. Kartar Bhalla, Chairman of the FICAC South Asia Region and Hon. Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Director of FICAC.

The members of the World Federation of Consuls are ideally suited to participate positively in trade promotion activity. Indeed, the Consular Corps has a comparative advantage in undertaking trade promotion, because Consular Corps have a much broader geographic deployment and can therefore provide more extensive coverage than Diplomatic Corps.

This is particularly so for developing countries who are unable to afford diplomatic representation in all the locations in which they have important economic interests.

The Consular Corps has a presence in all major cities, in the centres of commerce and industry, whereas the Diplomatic Corps is concentrated in capital cities, which in several cases are political rather than economic centres.

The Consular Corps include a very high proportion of Consuls with considerable business expertise, and they are ideally suited for developing trade.

The members of our Federation are immersed in communities in

ways in which Diplomats cannot be, and their knowledge of local conditions and local products can be useful in identifying niche markets, distribution networks and new tradable goods and services.

International Trade Expos and Trade Fairs have been successfully organized by our members.

This programme will also develop better relations between the Diplomatic Corps and the Consular Corps as the Diplomatic Corps involvement in International Trade Expos and the International Cultural Gala is vital to their success.

The FICAC trade programme is unique as it is the only expo in the world that promotes trade directly between the Sending and Receiving States, and at very low cost to the Embassies and Consulates.

Sponsorship from the private sector is easily available because of the importance of this programme at national and international levels.

The Consular Corps who have organized the FICAC International

Trade Expos and Trade Fairs have made an annual profit from the programme. Members who have made a profit from their trade fairs have presented cheques to UNICEF as their contribution to assisting underprivileged children with HIV/AIDS.

The future lies in the development of fair trade in this region and the rest of the world.

It is important to note that all FICAC member Corps and Associations that have participated in our FICAC programmes have seen their image and status grow considerably. They have also earned the respect of the Governments and in particular the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in both the Sending and Receiving States.

The World Federation of Consuls now has members in over 90 countries and is represented in every region of the world.

We are becoming a strong source of influence worldwide and this development will allow us to perform our duties more efficiently and in doing so, give even better service to the Sending and Receiving States.

I sincerely hope that I have given you an idea of the work of our Federation as we strive to make a meaningful contribution to the world which we inhabit together.

Thank you very much.

Hon. K. L. Ganju Welcomes Delegates To The First Ficac South Asia Regional Conference



Hon. K. L. Ganju, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the FICAC South Asia Regional Conference, addresses the Conference. Also in picture are H. E. Mr. Tejendra Khanna, Hon. Lt. Governor of Delhi, President of the World Federation of Consuls Hon. Arnold Foote and Secretary General Hon. Aykut Eken.

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The Hon'ble Mr. Arnold Foote, O.J.,C.D., J.P., President of World Federation of Consuls (FICAC)*

Hon'ble Mr. Vivek Burman, President of the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique – India

Hon'ble Mr. K.S. Bhalla, Chairman, World Federation of Consuls South Asia Regional Committee

Excellencies the Ambassadors/High Commissioners and their spouses, Hon'ble Consuls and their spouses, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I deem it a great privilege to welcome you all to the First FICAC South Asia Consular Conference, On behalf of the HCCD – India and on my personal behalf, I wish to send my warmest greetings to you all.

We in the HCCD – India indeed feel highly honoured that the First FICAC South Asia Consular Conference is being convened in New Delhi. We are really happy that a large

number of Hony. Consuls from South Asia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, etc., have found time in their busy schedules to participate in this conference.

You are no doubt aware about the programme of this conference. After the inauguration, there would be lectures by four eminent personalities and their themes would be related in one way or another to the developments in South Asia. We hope these lectures would provide a regional flavour to this conference.

The purpose of these Regional Conferences is to provide a venue to Hony. Consuls from all parts of the world to meet and interact with each other. It is our sincere hope that this conference too will lead to strengthening of bonds of friendship and understanding between Hony. Consuls.

I need hardly say that Hony. Consuls play a significant role in the World

of Diplomacy. Unfortunately, it is not well appreciated. I do hope the First FICAC South Asia Consular Conference will carry forward the process of highlighting the role played by the Hony. Consuls and how they help to cement the relations between their host countries and the countries they represent.

Apart from lectures, we have organised entertainment programmes for you prior to the dinner on 15th and 16th February. We are sure you will enjoy them and they will provide you with an insight into India's rich cultural heritage.

In the end, we wish to thank the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi for all their support and cooperation.

Welcome to all of you once more and do enjoy your stay in this beautiful capital city of India.

President H.E. Md. Zillur Rahman praises the work of Consuls



From Left; Hon. Arnold Foote OJ, President, World Federation of Consuls, Air Vice Marshall (Retd.) A. K. Khandker, Minister of Planning, H. E. Hon. Md. Zillur Rahman, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Hon. Dato A.K.M. Shahidul Islam, Chairman of the Forum of Consuls in Bangladesh, Hon. Salahuddin Kasem Khan, Founder Chairman of the Forum of Consuls in Bangladesh. Back row standing are members of the Forum of Consuls in Bangladesh.

The President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, H. E. Hon. Md. Zillur Rahman, in his keynote address at the inaugural ceremony of the Forum of Consuls in Bangladesh stated;

I feel happy being present among you in the opening ceremony of the 'Forum of Consuls in Bangladesh (FCB)'. I do bade cordial congratulation to the members of 'World Federation of Consuls' with FCB. At the starting point of my delivering of speech I do hereby remember the martyrs who slaughtered their life to recover the right mother tongue of Language Agitation of 1952 AD with respect. I do hereby remember with absolute respect the name of the father of the nation Bongabondhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who is the establisher of

independence and the best Begali of the all eras. I do hereby remember the name of the martyrs who slaughtered their life in the freedom fighting and in democratic agnation with absolute respect. I hope peace of their departed souls.

The honourable Prudent, You all know that the best achievement of the Bengali Nation is 'independence'. Under leadership and calling of the greatest leader, the father of the nation Bongabondhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman this independent-sovereign Bangladesh has been gained. It is our great pride that now we are the citizen of an independent country. Our independent foreign policy in the main deed/proof for creating friendship among the various states and nations of the world. Containing

in the mind the basic theme that is 'friendship with all, not enmity with other' of our foreign policy was initiated by Bongabondhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In 1971 AD after liberation friendship of newly established country Bangladesh was initiated with the world communities based on this foreign policy. In 1974 AD Bangladesh gained the membership of UN. As the member of the world conference now Bangladesh is playing a vital role in respect of international peace, stability and development.

With the worldly changing the sector of foreign policy of Bangladesh is being extended now. Beside the prevailing bilateral relation the sector of economic, trade and commerce, culture and technology have been emphasized for

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extending the same. In this javelin we hope that Bangladesh might be the country of middle scale income. Keeping before this view the govt. has declared the vision 2021 AD. To achieve the aim of this vision our "economic diplomacy" should be increased, the foreign investment should be encouraged. The way shall have to be searched so that our huge manpower might get opportunity for work in foreign countries. I do hereby invite you to take effort in this sector beside the govt.

The respectable honorary consuls, Being informed I am glad that at present 41 Nos. honorary consuls have been working in Bangladesh to develop the bilateral relation with their investing countries. In favor of Bangladesh in respect of socio-economic condition, economic feasibility, investment environment, skilled & unskilled manpower, positive attitude of the govt. etc. in these respects many countries



His Excellency, Honourable Md. Zillur Rahman, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

of the world do not have the clean & clear concept. As the honorary consuls you will approach our positive attitude in those countries

and play a vital role in development of bilateral & economic relation. I hope your all success.



H. E. Honourable Md. Zillur Rahman, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Hon. Arnold Foote OJ, President, World Federation of Consuls, Hon. Dato A.K.M. Shahidul Islam, Chairman of the Forum of Consuls in Bangladesh, Hon. Golam Faruk Ahmed.

Excellencies,
Ladies & Gentlemen,
I welcome you all to Bangladesh. I believe that you would play a pivotal role in further enhancing bilateral relation with Bangladesh through your sincere efforts. I wish you all a very pleasant stay in Dhaka. Thank you all.

At the end I do further bade thanks to all and do hereby declare the glowing opening of the 'Forum of Consuls in Bangladesh'.

Almighty Allah might be helpful towards us.

Khoda Hafez. Bangladesh might be ever lasting.



FICAC NEWS IN PICTURES



Hon. Kartar Bhalla, Chairman of the South Asia Region and a Director of FICAC, seen above addressing the FICAC South Asia Regional Conference. At the head table from left to right are: Hon. Jasu Shah, Hon. K. L. Ganju, Hon. Vivek Burman, Lt. Governor Hon. Tejendra Khanna, Hon. Arnold Foote, Hon. Aykut Eken.



Secretary General Hon. Aykut Eken, Hon. Golam Faruk Ahmed, Mrs. Patricia Foote and Hon. Arnold Foote, President, FICAC seen at a reception to celebrate the official inauguration of the Forum of Consuls in Bangladesh.



From Left: Hon. Vince Carlos, Director of the World Federation of Consuls, and Mrs. Carlos, along with fellow Director Hon. Dr. Virachai Techavijit and Mrs. Techavijit seen during their tour of the Taj Mahal.



Chairman of the Forum of Consuls in Bangladesh, Hon. Dato A.K.M. Shahidul Islam, being presented with the FICAC Award of Appreciation by Secretary General, Hon. Aykut Eken. Also in picture are Hon. Asif Chowdhury and Hon. Arnold Foote.



Hon. Costas Lefkaritis, Director of the World Federation of Consuls, and Hon. Demosthenes Severis visiting the Taj Mahal after South Asia Regional Conference.



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From Left: Mrs. Arnold Foote, Mrs. Enayetullah Khan, Hon. Gonul Eken, Dr. Ganju, Hon. Lois Sherwood, Mrs. Kartar Bhalla at the Welcome Reception for the delegates of the First FICAC South Asia Regional Conference.



From Left: Hon. Qazi Humayun Fareed, Hon. Mian Tajammal Hussain, H.E. Ambassador of Pakistan in New Delhi, Hon. Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Hon. Nasir Schon.



From Left: Hon. Enayetullah Khan, Mrs. Enayetullah Khan, Hon. Arnold Foote, Mrs. Kasem Khan, Hon. Salahuddin Kasem Khan.



From Left; Princess Jeet Khemka, Mrs. Noreen Baig, Mrs. Gurmit Bhalla, Hon. Gonul Eken.



From Left; Hon. Desh B. Sahae, Hon. Nand Khemka, Hon. Arnold Foote, H.E. Ambassador of Pakistan in New Delhi, Princess Jeet Khemka, Mrs. Noreen Baig, Hon. Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Hon. Mian Tajammal Hussain, Mrs. Gurmit Bhalla, Hon. Aykut Eken.



Hon. Peter Daae, President of the Consular Corps of Norway and Hon. Consul General for Bangladesh in Norway, and Mrs. Elisabeth Daae