



Dear Member,

**The Managing Committee and I extend a warm greetings of peace and prosperity on the eve of Christmas and New Year to the Members of the Federation, Officers and Staff and the public at large.**

The year gone by is eventful. 125 events - workshops, seminars, conferences, and training programs, **interactive sessions with** senior government officials, ministers – state and central and public persons eminence were organised. Dr Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh gave away the annual awards in excellence in the various fields of trade and industry. International Trade Facilitation Centre (ITFC) in collaboration with government was established as a single stop for exporters and importers.

Around 20 high level diplomatic and business delegations led by High Commissioners, Ambassadors, and senior diplomatic core had interactive sessions with the members of Federation on bilateral trade and investment. I visited the United States as a part of Government of Andhra Pradesh delegation to promote trade and investment opportunities.

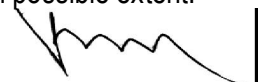
Many useful and beneficial programmes covering professional, management skills, personality traits and consumer rights and awareness, customs and central excise and service tax, exports, technology mission, horticulture, sericulture, rain shadow area development, communication strategies for competitive marketing environment, global competitiveness – opportunities and challenges for Indian labour, investment and tourism, national knowledge commission, media, society and ethics, new system of assessment of property tax and non-residential buildings, role of mediation in dispute resolution, investor's awareness, current trends in business intelligence, vision on development greater Hyderabad municipal corporation, management challenges and competitive advantages, innovative technologies for manufacturing expo, bank loan ratings, international financial reporting standards, stamp duty on registration, investment opportunities in A.P. and overseas, standards weights and measures and soft skills were organised.

Federation opened a stall at "SME EXPO 2007" at Hitex, Hyderabad with a view to improving marketing skills of MSE sector. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the stall.

I visited Mauritius had had useful discussions with its president on promoting cultural and trade relations India and Mauritius. I also visited Kaulam-pur-Malaysia in December as a Special Guest at the 9<sup>th</sup> Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin and presented a paper on "The New Economy and Opportunities in India" alongwith His Excellency Ashok K. Kantha, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia.

I am happy that trade and industry overwhelming by responded with enthusiasm at the multifarious events and activities organised by the Federation for their benefit. I am hopeful, optimistic and confident that the activities of Federation will continue to grow day by day benefiting members and users to the maximum possible extent.

With best wishes,



**Atluri Subba Rao**