

Reception to welcome Mr. Sujan R. Chinoy,
 Consul General of India, Sydney
 - Dr Som Majumdar JP FRSA, Vice President, Bhavan Australia



Sujan R Chinoy & Vidya Chinoy

Sujan Chinoy had sailed half-way around the world in his diplomatic services to the Government of India since he joined the Foreign Service during 1981. Seldom did he realize that after playing a remarkable innings in New York, he would have to step into the land of down under through his sojourn of duties in China and Hong Kong. Mr Sujan R Chinoy, the new Consul General of the Indian Consulate Sydney is one of India's most experienced and distinguished diplomats. As an MBA in Marketing, supported behind an honours degree in English literature, Mr Chinoy is no new comer in the India's diplomatic service. Commencing his career in Hong Kong with the Indian Mission during 1982, he sailed across Beijing, New York, Riyadh before being anchored in Shanghai as Consul General in the year 2000 and stayed there until 2005. With a long stint in

the region of China backed by his linguistic expertise in Mandarin, he is regarded as China specialist amongst his colleagues. The courtesy of Deacons Australia, an eminent law firm, opened its door of hospitality to welcome the new diplomat. Australia India Business Council in association with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan launched a welcome session for the new Consul General Mr Sujan R Chinoy inviting host of industry stalwarts, consulate officials and the members of the Indian community on a cool evening of 2 March 2006.



Gambhir Watts, Georgy D Toloraya, Consul General of Russian Federation, Sujan Chinoy, Consul General of India, Sydney, Bozidar Obradovic, Consul General of Serbia & Montenegro, Kerry Ryan, Partner Deacons, Neville Roach

Having been introduced as the convener of the function by the Kerry Ryan, Partner, Deacons, Neville Roach, the Chairman of Australia India Business Council welcomed the guests after explaining the mission of the Business Council in creating a platform to enhance the bilateral relationship between India and Australia. He then briefed the audience how he received the continuous co-operation of the Indian Consulate in activating various elements of the council's activities in an attempt to augment the trade relationship between the two countries, before inviting Gambhir Watts, President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia, the co-host of the function to welcome the guests.

Gambhir Watts, after acknowledging the presence of and their ongoing support to Bhavan's functions the Consuls General of Russia, Mr. Georgy Toloraya and Serbia and Montenegro, Mr. Bozidar Obradovic



Dr Som Majumdar, Gambhir Watts and others

and other dignitaries spoke briefly about the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (literally meaning the House of Indian Wisdom) describing it as the Institute of Indian Arts, Culture and Education. Gambhir went on to narrate the specific aims and goals of Bhavan Australia and its role in enhancing the mutual understanding of various cultures and fostering the communal harmony. He then gratefully acknowledged the support he received from the office of the Consulate General of India in Sydney in the formative stage of Bhavan Australia and expressed deep satisfaction in welcoming the new envoy in the soil of Sydney.

In his opening remark, Mr Chinoy thanked the Hosts to organize the function and the audience to come in numbers despite their busy schedule. "India's global and regional outlook are continuously changing to keep pace with her rapid scale of modernization", said Mr Chinoy while highlighting the growth of India's GDP of over 8% and the continuous rise in trade link between India and Australia that has of late witnessed a hoping figure of close to \$7 billion in a short span of time. He concluded his comments by expressing a keen desire to work alongside the business community in expanding the bilateral relationship between the two great democracies, India and Australia. "My door will always be open for you to raise any issue relating to advancing trade and commerce between the two countries", said Mr Chinoy in conclusion.

