Dear Affectionate Members of CSI Family,

Like Armed forces to defend the country on continuous basis, the ICT professionals need to be alert on meeting the following challenges, while continuing research in heterogeneous disciplines:

1. The demand of increasing the productivity in various sectors of Economy,
2. The commitment for improving the Quality of life citizens, and
3. Learning new technologies for designing & developing cost effective solutions.

Review & SWOT Analysis:

It is well accepted that India is the most observed country and has been making great impact on use of ICT in the Global market. Most advanced sectors of ICT are depending upon the brains of Indian youth. As we are entering in the second decade of the 21st century, the challenges of the Indian dreams are increasingly visible. Much of the global economy is depending upon the Indian software developers, yet there is always a possibility of the countries like China to come in the race and to share the ICT market with India. Thus India has to be alert not only from external threats of competition but also from the internal demand of shaping the youth in the country as high quality of Human Resources to keep the lead in the world.

After two major recessions in the very last decade (one in 2000 and other in 2008), we have learnt many lessons and have strived hard to survive. We have been successful in overcoming these two recessions, yet we have to exercise a lot of thought process and find the venues and avenues where the Indian youth can be deployed for improving productivity and economy of our country in particular and of the world, in general. ICT in its domain has grown significantly but the application domains are still starving for their growth in terms of their ICT enabled format. The development of new infrastructure, the improvement in human healthcare processes, social networking and many other domains are expanding with the help of new versions of ICT such as Cloud Computing, Semantic Web, Search Engines, etc.

Thus, we had concentrated on providing such kind of platforms that enable our C-Sians (members of CSI) to exchange their success stories, to get the feel of new technologies, to develop competitive spirit through innovative applications and e-Governance applications and to provide opportunities on use of new technologies and above all to network themselves at CSI 2010 annual convention at Mumbai during 24-28 November 2010.

iGen and CSI 2010

CSI 2010 Annual convention at Mumbai came up with many critical issues related to betterment of business, improvement in academics & learning, enhancement of productivity in Industries, more efficiency in Government and many others in the coming decade. The theme of the convention “iGen: Technologies for the Next Decade” has been very exciting and appealing where by there was a great deal of knowledge exchange to arrive at planning optimized ICT based solutions for the focused problems that are likely to occur in the coming decade. The 3-day convention focused on a combined effort to provide all possible solution paradigms to diversified problems.

Covering the whole ICT domain, several interesting Tracks that had been arranged in parallel during the three days, include Architecture, Enterprise, Society, Entrepreneurship, Connectivity, Solutions, Education & Research, eGovernance, Excellence in IT. The sessions were chaired by many learned experts and the talks were delivered by many eminent practitioners.

We are thankful to the track chairs for their efforts in organizing the session that include Prof. Manohar Chandwani, Prof. Umesh Bellur, Dr. Satish Babu & Dr. Sasi Kumar, Prof. Anirudh Joshi, Mr. Manaki Singh, Prof. Karandar, Shri. Sunil Mehta, Maj. Gen. R K Bagga, Mr Mohan Datar, Mr. Anil Srivastava and Mr. Awantkia Varma and the ISI distinguished speakers, who have converted the Annual conference as a festival of Learning and delightful knowledge sharing environment.

We are honored on the presence of the Past Presidents of CSI to encourage the family spirit in CSI. Happy that Shri. Deepakbhai Parekh of HDFC and Shri. R. Gopala Krishnan of M/s. Tata Sons, could come to inspire the gathering at the inaugural session. It is amazing to see the audience (on their own) giving standing ovation, to Dr. F. C. Kohli on his coming to the stage to receive the CSI Life time achievement award. National Council of CSI and AGM had a new look with good attendance and it was a great honor to present honors to the winners of the CSI chapter level award winners from all over the country, on their voluntary contributions to CSI.

We congratulate all the award winners of the CSI-Nihilent e-Governance award winners, IT Award winners, Fellowship award winners of this year, Chapter level achievement award winners, winner of Vandana Goyal award and Shri. Satish Doshi award and the winners of other awards that are instituted by the philanthropists to the CSI members.

It was nice that the Revenue Minister of Goa Mr. Jose Philip D’Souza participating in the technical presentations and inviting the CSI-Nihilent e-Governance team for Goa for conducting the Knowledge Sharing Summit.

Salaam Pyara Mumbai C-Sians.

Mumbai Chapter of CSI has made all of us proud in creating an atmosphere of knowledge sharing celebrations. While Dr. Vishnu Kanhere and Shri R C Goyal with their teams, running around for providing Hospitality, Dr. Rajiv Gerela, Shri Ravi Eppaturi, Shri Manish Shah, Shri. Ravikiran Manikkar, Shri M R Datar, Shri V L Mehta, Shri Rohinton Dhumasia, Dr. T J Mathews, Dr. Sasi Kumar and managing Committee members of Mumbai Chapter, had contributed for managing the sequence of events for CSI 2010 in professional style. The CSI HQ staff lead by Shri Suchit has been excellent.

Convention Ambassador Mr. M D Agarwal, Conference Chair Shri. S Mahalingam and Prof. D P Pathak monitored the logistics and had been a great support to interface the Industry, while PC Chairs Dr. Atanu Rakhit ( who had contributed for the theme of the conference) and Dr. Manohar Chandwani with track chairs had organized the resource persons to provide excellent technical presentations. We are grateful to these stalwarts.

Past presidents Dr. F C Kohli, Shri Hemant Sonawala, Prof. PVS Rao, Prof. S Ramani, Dr. M. L. Goyal, Brig. SVS Chowdhry, Dr. Rattan Dutta, Prof. H N Mahabala, and Prof. K K Aggarwal had spared their time to review periodically and encouraged the event. Mumbai CSI Chapter deserves my sincere salute for their loving care in hosting the CSI 2010. Salaam to all those CSI members who made all of us proud in the Country.

Alarm bell ringing to improve quality of Research and for controlling Plagiarism:

About 80% of the papers that were received (against the call for papers to CSI-2010) were rejected by our referees. There were casual papers without Quality. More alarming is that several cases of blatant plagiarism were reported. The paper committee and the referees adopted ‘Zero tolerance for plagiarism’. I appeal to all budding professionals to shun the plagiarism. India has many stories on ethics. A crow can not become a pea-cock by putting on the feathers of the Pea-Cock. Indian National bird is our icon and we are to continue as original.

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