Dear Professional Colleagues,

"Fight with your own Strength, not with other's weakness because True Success lies in your effort, not in others Defeat"

Let me start by wishing you all a Happy Ganesh Chaturthi and Seasons Greetings on the occasion of Onam and Eid Mubarak.

Well, the festivities go on and so do the wishes from all of us at SIRC of The ICSI.

The 7th Southern India Regional Conference of Practising Company Secretaries is being scheduled at God's own country Thirssur during 2-3 November 2012. The ICSI-SIRC along with Thirssur Chapter is working out on the logistics and the themes and sub-themes for the Conference to give the Members a most memorable and enjoyable Conference of the year.

The CSBF Cultural evening is taking a final shape and soon you will be receiving the brochures for appeal and contributions to the Fund by way of title sponsors and-co-sponsors, advertisements in the Souvenir, etc. I request you to extend your maximum support and also use your good offices in collecting funds for the Corpus of the Benevolent Fund.

The month of August has been eventful when we organized many programmes for Members and Students.

The Southern India Moot Court competition was held at ICSI-SIRC on 11th August 2012 and I congratulate the Teams from Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad and Madurai for having participated in the competition and convey my Best Wishes to the Team from Bangalore, which won the Regional Level Moot-Court competition. I also thank the Judges of the Moot Court Competition viz. CS.Jayakumar S., CS.Mohankumar A, CS.Muralukrishnan S.P, CS Sathyanarayanan S., Mr.B.Dhanaraj and Mr.K.Gowtham for helping the Regional Council to organize the programme.

As you are all aware, The Institute had celebrated its 2nd Corporate Governance Week from 27-31 August 2012. I am happy to inform you that out of the 5 National Programmes 2 were held in the southern region with the week kicking off at Bengaluru which was inaugurated by one of the finest intellectuals Hon'ble Former Chief Justice M N Vekatachalaiah. This was followed by a programme at Hyderabad which was inaugurated by Sri Thota Narasimham, Hon'ble Minister for Stamps & Registration, Govt of Andhra Pradesh and Sri Neerabh Kumar Prasad, IAS, Commissioner, Hyderabad Metro Development Authority. I am also happy to share with you that our beloved Vice-President CS SN Ananthasubramanian was also present on the occasion.

SIRC also joined the celebrations along with several other chapters viz., Madurai, Salem, Mangalore, etc. All the programmes on Corporate Governance were attended by the Members in large numbers. This participation encourages us to organize more programmes for the benefit of the Members.

I had the pleasure of meeting the Chapter Chairman of ICSI-SIRC at the Review Meeting of the Southern Chapters held on 19.8.2012. I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm showed by them and their efforts in striving to give the best for the Members and Students belonging to their region.

It was a moment of pride for me when I was invited by the Founder and Chancellor of the Vellore Institute of Technology Dr. G. Viswanathan on 31.8.2012 along with Ms. Sarah Arukiaswamy, Joint Director, ICSI-SIRO and Dr. V. Balaji, Assistant Education Officer, ICSI-SIRO to address at the Seminar on "Role of Company Secretaries in Corporates and Practice". I was thrilled by the ambience and the infrastructure created by the University, all by the efforts of a single individual viz. Dr. G. Viswanathan, Founder and Chancellor, Vellore Institute of Technology. The programme was attended by the students of Vellore University from the Department of Social Sciences and languages and also from colleges in and around vellore. We are exploring the possibility of a PPP with them and also for admission of our members for pursuing doctoral courses. I appeal to the Members to explore such opportunities in Schools and Colleges in order to spread awareness on the CS Course.

Let us all congratulate Serena Williams for her stunning comeback and becoming the oldest champ in four decades and also Andy Murray to become the First Brit to win a grand slam men's single title in 76 years at the US Open 2012. It only proves that determination can make you reach any heights.

With warm regards

Yours Sincerely

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