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Chairman,
Infrastructure & IT
Committee

Dear Professional Colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to connect with you through the 'Management Accountant' Journal and share with you the progress made by the Infrastructure & Information Technology Committee to create value added services for the stakeholders of the Institute.

In doing so, I will first dwell upon matters relating to Infrastructure and then on activities on IT. In regard to Infrastructure, I am happy to state the following achievements:

- Hyderabad Centre of Excellence (CoE) – The CoE at Hyderabad has blossomed into a full-fledged academic seat of excellence which was inaugurated on 22nd January 2012. The Advance Study courses and other training programmes for the members are being conducted in this CoE. Work has commenced for additional three floors which will have one auditorium and lodging facilities. This will facilitate the conduct of training programs in house .
- Jaipur Centre of Excellence (CoE) - The committee has recommended to the Executive Committee of the Institute to release fund for setting up of CoE at Jaipur and accordingly application money has been paid to Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd (RIICO). RIICO has also confirmed the allotment of land to the Institute.
- Land for Aurangabad Chapter - The committee has recommended to the Executive Committee of the Institute to release fund for purchase of land at Aurangabad from CIDCO. Registration of the land has been completed from the Institute's side.
- Renovation of both and Delhi and Kolkata offices have been taken up to give a facelift to the buildings.

With regard to Information technology, we have been able to able to make significant strides. IT plays a key role in improving the efficiency in any organization. To keep pace with the future expansion plans of the institute, the IT infrastructure in the Institute has been strengthened in the last few years and efforts have been made to automate and integrate various functional units of the Institute through integrated web based applications. I am happy to share with you some of the key initiatives of Committee:

1. Online Student Registration system has been implemented across all Regional Councils and

Chapters of the Institute. The system is integrated with the Studies and Finance Directorate of the Institute.

2. An online Membership portal has been implemented which facilitates members accessing their records and also make payments related to renewal of membership and also Certificate of Practice. It allows access to new graduates for applying for membership. In addition to this, existing members can also access their CEP hours details online and need not maintain any records of paper based CEP certificates.
3. Webinar facility is created wherein online webinar are conducted by professional experts on key important topics in the area of management accounting. The members may register online through the website and attend the webinar. The archive recording of the webinar are also made available to the members on the website of the Institute. The webinar subscription has now been upgraded to 2 rooms with 200 participants each. Webinars are planned for students also wherein important topics would be addressed by members in service and practice, which will benefit the students.
4. The Video Conferencing facility, which is used for conducting various meetings has been implemented in the Institute connecting following four locations of the Institute at Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai.
5. The Website of the Institute is now very rich in content with the relevant and important information being made available for the students and members. Separate portals have been created for students, members, Training & Placement, Examination and Continuing Education Programmes etc. Under each of the above sections, the information has been classified and made available under appropriate menus/links.

I take this opportunity to request all to kindly visit the website of the Institute to keep abreast of the latest news and developments in the Institute. Last but not the least, I would like to thank the President and the Council for reposing confidence in me and for their valuable support in all our endeavour.

Wishing you all the very best,

With warm regards,

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