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PRESS RELEASE

Global Investors Meet (GIM) - Conference on Investment Opportunities in Karnataka

The Embassy of India, The Hague facilitated the visit of a high-level delegation from the Government of Karnataka, led by Shri M.B. Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Enterprises & Infrastructure Development and organised a 'Global Investors Meet (GIM) - Conference on Investment Opportunities in Karnataka' at Hotel Leonardo, The Hague on 2nd December 2024. The Conference was organised in association with Invest Karnataka.

2. The Conference attracted around 60 participants from diverse sectors including technology, logistics and manufacturing. The event commenced with opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin, the Ambassador of India to the Netherlands. He warmly welcomed the Hon'ble Minister Shri M.B. Patil, distinguished members of the delegation, and all attendees. Ambassador Tuhin emphasized that Karnataka is more than just a State in India; it epitomizes innovation, enterprise, and dynamism. As India's technology and innovation hub, Karnataka has consistently led the nation's economic growth, earning its reputation as the "Silicon Valley of India." The Ambassador stressed that now is the ideal time to expand one's presence in India, with Karnataka serving as the gateway to this journey. He highlighted Karnataka's strategic importance and its role as a hub of innovation and economic growth, making it an attractive destination for investors.

3. The interaction at the Conference began with a welcome from Mr. Satya Pinisetty, First Secretary (Economic & Commerce and ITOU) inviting Shri M.B. Patil to share his insights. Shri Patil announced that Karnataka will host the 'Global Investors Meet (GIM) - Invest Karnataka' in Bengaluru in February 2025. The event is set to be historic and unprecedented in its scale and ambition. It will serve as a platform for global leaders, innovators, and investors to converge and shape the economic future of Karnataka and, by extension, India. The Hon'ble Minister emphasized Karnataka's vibrant business ecosystem, inviting everyone to the Global Investors Summit. The Conference featured presentations and speech by Shri Dr. S. Selvakumar, Principal Secretary to Karnataka Government, Dept. of Commerce and Industries and Smt. Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director of Industries and Commerce & CEO, IKF, Government of Karnataka. They presented a comprehensive overview of investment opportunities in the State, showcasing its strength in IT, R&D, manufacturing, aerospace & green energy.

4. The event provided ample opportunities for networking, allowing attendees to establish new connections and explore potential collaborations. The Conference facilitated meaningful discussions that are expected to lead to enhanced collaboration between Indian and Dutch companies. The interactive session saw the Hon'ble Minister and his team engaging with the

Dutch participants, addressing all their queries patiently. Transparency, innovation and collaboration defined the dialogue. The Embassy of India, The Hague, extends its gratitude to all participants for their valuable contributions and looks forward to continued collaboration. The Embassy is committed to facilitating bilateral growth and is thrilled by the energy and collaboration shown by all.

5. Karnataka is calling! Join us at the Karnataka Global Investors Meet 2025 in Bengaluru to explore unmatched opportunities in India's innovation powerhouse. Learn more at: investkarnataka.co.in/gim2025/

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