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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SESSION WITH DR. APJ ABDUL KALAM, FORMER PRESIDENT OF INDIA

Khazanah is organizing a Knowledge Exchange session entitled "Promoting a Knowledge Society and Economy in India and Asia - The Role of Scientists and Leaders" with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India.

Details are as below:

Date : 29th August 2008
Time : 10.00am to 12.00pm
Venue: Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM),
Kepong, 52109 Selangor.

Khazanah is pleased to invite you to attend this Knowledge Exchange session. We look forward to your participation in what promises to be a stimulating dialogue with Dr. Abdul Kalam. Please see attached Dr. Abdul Kalam's short biography for your reference.

Please rsvp by 21 August 2008 so that we can make the appropriate arrangements.

Please do not hesitate to call Dr Raslan Haniff at +603-20340140 or Kavitha at +603-20340366 if you need more information about this networking session.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Former President of India

As Chairman of Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) and as an eminent scientist, he led the country with the help of 500 experts to arrive at Technology Vision 2020 giving a road map for transforming India from the present developing status to a developed nation. Dr. Kalam served as the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, in the rank of Cabinet Minister, from November 1999 to November 2001 and was responsible for evolving policies, strategies and missions for many development applications. Dr. Kalam was also the Chairman, ex-officio, of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet (SAC-C) and piloted India Millennium Mission 2020.

Dr. Kalam took up academic pursuit as Professor, Technology & Societal Transformation at Anna University, Chennai in November 2001 and was involved in teaching and research tasks. Above all, he took up the mission to ignite the young minds for national development by meeting high school students across the country.

Dr. Kalam became the 11th President of India on 25th July 2002 and held the highest office of the country until 25th July 2007. He was a hugely popular President ('People's President') who continues to be widely admired and respected within India and outside. He is seen as an iconic figure, an enlightened leader and a role model in a multi-cultural India which takes pride in its diversity.

Dr. Kalam is one of the most distinguished scientists of India with the unique honour of receiving honorary doctorates from 30 universities and institutions. He has been honoured with several of the most coveted civilian awards of India - Padma Bhushan (1981), Padma Vibhushan (1990) and the highest civilian award of the country, Bharat Ratna (1997). He is a recipient of a large number of other awards and Fellow of many professional institutions.

Dr. Kalam is a prolific writer and orator. Four of Dr. Kalam's books - "Wings of Fire", "India 2020 - A Vision for the New Millennium", "My journey" and "Ignited Minds: Unleashing the power within India" - have become household names in India and among Indian nationals abroad. These books have been translated in many Indian languages.

His focus is on transforming India into a developed nation by 2020. He continues to pursue this vision with tireless zeal and take an active interest in other developments in the society, including in the field of science and technology. He has proposed a research programme for developing bio-implants. He is a supporter of open source software and believes that the use of open source software on a large scale will bring more people the benefits of information technology. His belief in the power of science to resolve society's problems and his views of these problems as a result of inefficient distribution of resources is modernistic. He also views science and technology as an ideology-free pursuit and emphasizes the cultivation of scientific temper and entrepreneurial drive. He has advocated a model of providing urban amenities in rural areas.

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