New Tripartite Partnership Strengthens Indian Workforce Capability

Gujarat NRE Coke Ltd and TAFE NSW Sydney and Illawarra Institutes to Develop New Vocational Training Institute in India

New South Wales (NSW) premier Barry O'Farrell announced a tripartite agreement between TAFE NSW Sydney and Illawarra Institutes and Gujarat NRE Coke Ltd to develop a new vocational training institute in India at an august gathering of over 100 industry leaders and education stakeholders in New Delhi today.

The MoU proposes the establishment of a training institute to support India's training system and develop a highly skilled Indian workforce to ensure continuing economic and social prosperity and in line with the India's target to skill 500 million people by 2022 and to build nationwide employability. TAFE NSW Sydney and Illawarra will provide training and technical expertise to this project. Gujarat NRE Coke Ltd, the largest independent producer of metallurgical coke in India, will contribute its knowledge and extensive industry engagement in India and Australia. "This MoU announces a new era of cooperation between New South Wales and India," said the NSW premier, Barry O'Farrell.

"All students, both domestic and international, receive the same quality provision and the same level of support which is unsurpassed in Australia and envied by other providers," said David Riordan, the vocational education and training representative travelling with the NSW premier's delegation. Arun Kumar Jagatramaka, CMD, Gujarat NRE Coke added, "With the advent of more complex and specialized markets, economies demand higher levels of skill. Our effort has been to make the existing vocational education system more relevant to market needs."