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Commissioner residence.**

- Good evening everyone. I'll be short and sweet here – so that we can get down to the very important business of creating bilateral ties of the most important kind – the person-to-person variety.
- Firstly I would like to especially thank our honored host, **The Australian High Commissioner, Mr. John McCarthy** and his support of the project.
- It has also been our great honor to have worked with those who endorsed Kamal Nath, The Hon Simon Crean, the Indian High Commissioner to Australia – HE Smita Sugatha Singh (who is holding the Australian side launch in Canberra, on July 21, at her residence).
- I would also like to thank the Advisory Group members who contributed to the project, and of course – to all the participants in the book, without their support this publication could not be possible.
- It has been a great privilege to work with everyone at the Australian Trade Commission – the Lead Sponsors and main drivers of the book – from Mike Moignard to Rebecca Ball to Mahest in Mumbai and Aminur Rahman in Chennai – to all of you, thank you.
- I would also like to thank major participants, Deakin University – especially Professor Sally Walker – a great ally to the India-Australia relationship, Leighton International, Toll Asia; and all of the key participants from Rio Tinto Diamonds to Taj Hotels Resorts & Palaces to Infosys to ICICI to Gujarat NRE.
- Without your support this book would not have been possible.
- I would also like to thank the very kind Dr Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Mr Anand Mahindra, B Rama Raju of Satyam, and GMR's very own GM Rao for their contributions to the book as well.
- We at Focus have been greatly honored to have played our modest part in further developing this already rapidly growing relationship.
- *Australia-India: a deepening economic partnership* is a publication that promotes the growing bilateral relationship between Australia and India.
- The publication provides an insightful overview of the relationship between the two countries and the opportunities for further expansion.
- This project was a joint undertaking between Focus and the UTSAV Australia initiative of the Australian government, and was initiated by Mike Moignard over a year ago.

- The publication will be distributed as a hard copy and in an electronic version, or both and will be widely targeted to key government and business leaders in both countries, bi-lateral associations, events and organisations

- On behalf of Focus CEO, Jaqui Lane, who sends her apologies for not being able to attend this evening, we thank you for celebrating the growing bilateral relationship captured in *Australia-India: a deepening economic partnership*