



INDIA CANADA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

...forging close ties among Canadians with an interest in India

announces its lecture event

Fostering Closer Canadian and Indian Parliamentary Relations

by Mr. Chandra Arya, Member of Parliament

on Sunday, 25 September 2016, 3:00 – 5:00 PM



Synopsis: Since taking office as the Member of Parliament for Nepean in October 2015, Mr. Chandra Arya has quickly left his mark on the Hill. Elected as Chair of the Canada-India Parliamentary Friendship Group in May 2016, he is eagerly committed to improving relations between Canada and India.

To achieve this, he has a few concrete goals in mind:

- 1) Elevating the status of the Group to a full association. This will afford greater management of the Friendship Group's membership and activities, and provide a degree of international recognition required to advance its agenda.
- 2) Helping move forward talks on the Canada-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in order to increase trade between the two countries. The Liberal Party was elected on a platform of free trade and international engagement. The CEPA agreement will go a long way to ensuring trade relations between Canada and India benefit in the long run.
- 3) Increasing exchanges between Canadian and Indian

Parliaments. These are a critical tool for Friendship Groups and Associations to increase dialogue and improving relations.

With these targets, Mr. Arya seeks to fulfill the potential of the Canada-India relationship. He believes there is much opportunity for enhanced collaboration between the two countries.

About the Speaker: Business executive, community activist, and father, Mr. Chandra Arya is relentless in his efforts to improve the lives of those around him. He believes it is important to our families and, in particular, our young people that we attract highly-skilled, high-paying jobs. Mr. Arya's experience as a businessman and board member of Invest Ottawa has provided him with an understanding of what is required to attract the high-quality jobs of the future. As Member of Parliament, he is working with all levels of government and the private sector to achieve this. Mr. Arya has also served on the boards of the OCISO Not-for-Profit Housing Corporation, Ottawa Community Immigrants Services Organization and the Hindu Society of Ottawa Carleton. He previously served as Chair of the Indo-Canada Ottawa Business Chamber, President of the Indo-Canadian Community Centre Inc., and was the founding director of the Federation of Canadian Brazilian Businesses.

Mr. Arya holds Bachelor of Engineering and Masters of Business Administration degrees, and was professionally certified by the Canadian Securities Institute as a Canadian Investment Manager. He currently lives in Nepean with his wife Sangeetha, who works with the Ottawa Catholic School Board. Their son Sid is in the process of qualifying as a Chartered Professional Accountant.

Location: Rockcliffe Park Community Centre Hall, 380 Springfield Road, Ottawa

About India Canada Friendship Circle

India Canada Friendship Circle (ICFC), a non-profit Canadian organization, operating in Ottawa since 2004 and conducting lectures by prominent speakers, encourages dialogue on India in a non-religious, non-partisan and harmonious environment. The words "friendship" and "circle" in its name convey an explicit desire of ICFC to forge and maintain close ties among Canadians with an interest in India.

ICFC's mission is to enhance awareness of the relationship between Canada and India in the areas of history, philosophy, scholarship, culture, industry, economy, arts and sciences through prominent speakers.

For further details and online registration, please visit our website:

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