



INDIA CANADA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

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announces its lecture event

Canada-India Centre of Excellence Science, Technology and Innovation Partnerships by Harry Sharma

on Sunday, the 29th of May 2016, 3:00 – 5:00 PM



Synopsis: Since its inception in 2011, the Canada-India Centre of Excellence (CICE) at Carleton University has established partnerships with over 20 academic and research entities in India such as IIT-Bombay, Birla Institute of Technology & Science, TERI University, Delhi University. The Centre has also convened several high-profile events to discuss issues of strategic importance, and has hosted notable speakers such as Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (former President of India), Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia (former Deputy Chairman of India's Planning Commission).

Since his arrival in November 2015 at Carleton University, Harry has been focussing on developing a strong suite of programs that will provide capacity development opportunities for Canadian and Indian students, professionals, and businesses. In the coming months, the Centre also hopes to set up a platform for research on issues of strategic importance to the knowledge economies of the two countries. During the talk, Harry will present an overview of the Canada-India partnership from an S&T/Innovation policy point of view and describe some of the initiatives that the Canada-India Centre has been, and will be, focussing on in the coming years.

About the Speaker: Having graduated with an engineering degree and worked in the Science, Technology and Innovation policy space for the last 10 years, Mr. Harry Sharma now heads the CICE. Prior to joining Carleton University, Harry worked for Canada's national digital infrastructure organization, CANARIE, carrying on the role of Manager, Strategic Policy which involved closely working with leading Canadian entities involved in ground-breaking research to support future economic growth (e.g. robotics, 3-D printing, genomics, Internet of Things, etc.).

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 to forge and maintain close ties among Canadians with an interest in India.

ICFC's mission is to promote an intercultural relationship between India and Canada in the areas of philosophy, history, literature, the arts and sciences through prominent speakers.

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