



## **Seventeenth Convocation Address of K.C. Mohan, Chairman, XIME Saturday, May 11, 2013**

Chief Guest Mr Bhaskar Pramanik, Chairman Microsoft Corporation, India, Prof Philip, President XIME, Dr J. Alexander, Former Chief Secretary, Govt of Karnataka and BOG Member XIME, Prof Brahm Sharma, Director XIME, Members of the Board, distinguished colleagues on the dias, Members of the Faculty, graduating students, representatives of the media, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Today is an important milestone for all the graduating students from XIME, Bangalore. I am sure this is a happy day for all of you, and you must be looking forward to a new beginning in you career and life. XIME has held a leading and consistent position in regard to placements over the last many years, but I know this has been a difficult year for almost all B-Schools. We were no exception. But nearing almost 80% placement in this difficult year is indeed creditable.

Prof. Philip and the faculty would have prepared you well in these two years, to achieve academic excellence, imparting all round knowledge and practical experience, enabling you to meet the new challenges in your new careers. The high level of placement over the years is also a tribute to the quality of students who go through the portals of this instituion.

We have just heard an interesting talk from our chief guest Mr Bhaskar Pramanik, who heads the Microsoft Corporation operations in India. The name MICROSOFT is known worldwide as the provider of software for many operating systems, and is the largest soft ware company in the world. As a regular visitor to Seattle, and staying not far from Redmond, the headquarters of Microsoft Corporation, I have visited their vast campuses several times. Mr Bhaskar Pramanik happens to be a nephew of a close colleague of mine, Dr S.R.Pramanik, a renowned metallurgist, who was with me in MECON, Ranchi, as Director of the company for several years.

A few words about XIME's new campus in Kochi, which was inaugurated on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 by the Kerala Chief Minister, Mr Oomen Chandy. Since then we have

obtained AICTE approval, and are well on our way to commencement of classes for the first batch of students for the PGDBM course. Our vision, particularly that of Prof. Philip, of setting up new campuses of XIME in Kerala and Tamilnadu has been partly fulfilled. Completing the construction of such a large campus in such a short time in Kerala has been acclaimed even by the Kerala Chief Minister as a significant achievement. Our Board members Dr. J. Alexander, Vice President Mr V.O. Sebastian, Hon. Secretary, Mr. C.J. Kuncheria, Project Director Cmde Avarachan and others had played a major role in this achievement.

A few words now on the general state of affairs in our country, and what you graduating students can do when you enter a new phase in your life. While we can all gloat over the good GDP growth that has been achieved over the last decade, we have to also seriously introspect on the deterioration in many other walks of life in our country. Generally speaking, discipline appears to have disappeared from our lives. If each of us commits to do our duty honestly, diligently, sincerely, and asks ourselves how our proposed actions will affect others, we will have a better protective guard to resist the ills prevalent in our society. Educational Institutions fail in their duties, if they do not promote discipline and ethics. If our heart does not bleed and our conscience does not prick by the grim ground reality of an emerging India, where-in approx 300 million people survive on less than Rs 30 a day, there is something fundamentally wrong with us as human beings. It is here that I would like to call upon all graduating students to also spend a part of your time to serve the society around you.

XIME will continue to provide its students with world class business education programs, which are affordable, imaginative, and relevant to the Indian Business environment and ethos. XIME's faculty is key to its search for excellence. I am sure we can expect all of you graduating students to not merely be working professionally on your new jobs, and making a success of your careers, but also work for the betterment of the society around you. Let me wish you all the very best and a bright future.

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