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EICMA President's Message

Greetings from EICMA to all delegates, sponsors & exhibitors. Welcome to Kolkata for the 38th FCBM Conference.

The 38th FCBM Conference is an event of significant importance to all of us at EICMA. We have been waiting for this day since fourteen years. With a team that is young and not very experienced, organizing the Conference was indeed a **Challenge** as well as an **Opportunity; Challenge** to ensure that the event is made memorable and **Opportunity** to infuse new ideas in making the Conference a landmark event.

We started back around middle of 2008 with a national online survey seeking ideas from all concerned. Choosing a leader who could take the conference forward was indeed a Herculean task. Our respected veteran, Shri B. D. Kothari agreed wholeheartedly and made our job lighter and invigorated us.

We at EICMA could not have thought without the involvement of Shri A.B. Ajmera, inspite of his bad health he consented for his blessings as Emeritus, Conference chairman

Team EICMA was ready with the blue print by April 2009 and got set to establish records. Our enthusiasm met with whole-hearted support from all our members and over 40 sponsors!

The Technical Committee brought out a loaded programme in a record time with over 65% of speakers from abroad and other eminent industrialists, businessmen and consultants from India. It's indeed a Knowledge Package!

Indian as well as overseas exhibitors have come forward in large numbers. All this and more continued to inspire us to move further.

For a project of this kind, the expectations run high. I do hope our team has measured upto that. We wanted to excel as hosts and I am sure you will enjoy our 'Kolkatan' hospitality.

Ladies & Gentlemen, Welcome to 38th FCBM Conference.

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