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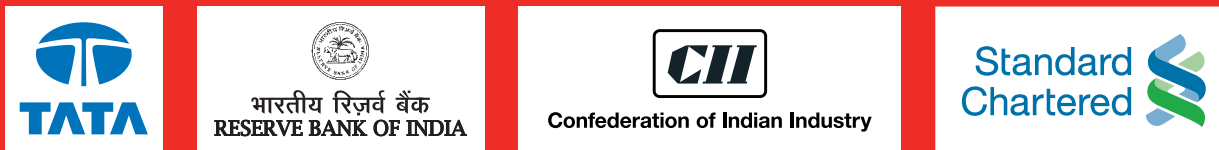
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WELCOME TO THE LSE ASIA FORUM



I am delighted to welcome you to the third LSE Asia Forum. Our focus this year is 'Challenging Globalisation: reform, governance and society'. We have many thought provoking presentations from a whole range of eminent speakers.

The LSE Asia Forum brings together business leaders, policy makers and academic experts to explore strategic developments in this key region of the world. Following the success of the first and second Asia Forums in Bangkok and Hong Kong respectively, we are delighted to host this event in India. The 2006 LSE Asia Forum is dedicated to the memory of the late Dr IG Patel, former Director of LSE and Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will be participating and leading discussions, with an opening keynote addressing the overall conference theme.

Our ambition is to investigate the challenge of configuring organisations, public policies and social reform processes, so as to achieve a sustainable balance between the social, political and economic opportunities offered by globalisation.

The London School of Economics and Political Science – LSE – studies the social sciences in their broadest sense, with an academic profile spanning a wide range of disciplines, from economics, politics and law, to sociology, information systems and accounting and finance. Founded in 1895 by Beatrice and Sidney Webb, LSE is one of the most international universities in the world, with a cosmopolitan staff and student body and an outstanding reputation for academic excellence.

Our study of social, economic and political problems focuses on the different perspectives and experiences of most countries. From its foundation LSE has aimed to be a laboratory of the social sciences, a place where ideas are developed, analysed, evaluated and disseminated around the globe.

Specifically the forum will cover three main themes/issues.

- **Reform:** industrial reform and infrastructure modernisation – the response of institutions, business organisations and public services to the challenge of operating in emerging and global markets
- **Governance:** governing globalisation and trade – trade policy, multilateral cooperation and their global and local socio-economic effects
- **Society:** international relations and global crises – evolving shared responses

The School is hosting the Forum in association with a number of long term institutional LSE partners in India. These are the Reserve Bank of India, Tata Sons Ltd, the Confederation of Indian Industry and Standard Chartered. We hope you will be stimulated by the presentations and continue to stay in touch with LSE.

Howard Davies

Director, London School of Economics and Political Science



RATIONALE

The annual LSE Asia Forum is an important and very public part of the School's strategy to enhance its long standing relationship with the rapidly developing Asian region. This strategy in Asia forms part of the School's wider international strategy, which has at its core, the building of deep and sustainable alliances and partnerships as a means of broadening research and teaching offerings and enhancing the School's international reputation. LSE has a long standing association with Asia and has historically attracted very talented students and staff from all major Asian countries. It has a large and distinguished group of alumni in the region and has been active in building partnerships with business and governments for many years. As one of the world's leading universities, LSE has been at the forefront of the analysis of globalisation and is the alma mater of many public leaders in Asia. The LSE Asia Forum is a unique opportunity to bring together LSE's key partners in the region.

Asia's current renaissance, in particular the emergence of India and China as important partners of the US, Russia and Europe in managing the dynamics of globalisation and growth, has motivated LSE to convene forums in Asia. While much public debate and commentary focuses exclusively on the commercial opportunities offered by the growth of India and China, the investigation of future global governance and policy challenges and opportunities created by Asia's success is equally important. LSE's mission has always been to provide rigorous analysis of human development and to offer research based intelligence aimed at informing sound policy choices and business strategies. Given the multi-faceted challenges now facing the world, LSE believes that Asia must be an important contributor to global development and governance. The LSE Asia Forum provides an opportunity for analysis of different perspectives on the economic, social, political and cultural contributions Asia is making to global development. The LSE Asia Forum is coordinated by LSE Corporate Relations.



INDRAPRASAD GORDHANBHAI PATEL

11 November 1924 – 17 July 2005



'IG Patel was a highly talented director of the School, who is remembered here with great affection. In particular, he continued LSE's long tradition of scholarly teaching and research links with India which – thanks in great part to him – remain as strong as ever today.'
Howard Davies, LSE Director

IG Patel was Director of LSE between 1984 and 1990. He was also a highly distinguished architect of economic policy making, an international civil servant and the first person of South Asian origin to head a higher education institute in the UK. He was well known for his formidable intellectual powers.

Indraprasad Gordhanbhai Patel was known as 'IG' from his childhood days in Vadodara, then the capital of the princely state ruled by the Gaekwars of Baroda, where he was born in 1924. He came first in the matriculation examination, establishing a record score that has never been beaten. He came top in his BA at the University of Bombay and went on to King's College, Cambridge, with a scholarship from the Gaekwars of Baroda. His tutor Sir Austin Robinson regarded him as his best tutee, over his entire tenure as Fellow of King's. Patel returned to India and joined Baroda College as Professor of Economics and Principal in 1949, but was plucked the following year, to join the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund by Edward Bernstein, who became his mentor. After five years, IG came back to Delhi as Economic Adviser to the Ministry of Finance in 1954 and spent the next 18 years in one or other top capacity in the Government of India.

In 1972 he became the Deputy Administrator of the UN Development Programme for five years, returning to take up the position of Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. It was during this period, marked by turbulence in the foreign exchange markets, that Patel's formidable intellectual powers came into use in sessions of the Bank for International

Settlements. As one central banker said, 'IG had the smallest reserves but the biggest contribution to solving the tricky problems facing us.' In 1982 he was appointed Principal of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, which he helped to launch on a trajectory to become the best management school in India.

In 1984 IG Patel became the ninth Director of LSE. In his first director's report he said that LSE faced a period of transition. His priorities were to reduce the staff-student ratio and enhance research with the addition of new areas, which included the Financial Markets Group. Particularly close to his heart was student welfare – he worked hard to improve student accommodation and his efforts resulted in the student residences at Butler's Wharf. IG cherished the School's community. It was not just that the LSE family had always been more close knit than at other institutions, but that this community spirit was part of the School's heritage. In his vision for LSE's future, expressed in his 1988 director's report, he wrote, 'Today, I have no hesitation in saying that if I have one aspiration for the School it is to enable it to say: we do not turn away any student of high academic merit from anywhere in the world for lack of ability to help him or her financially.'

In his farewell message to LSE he said, 'As a School of Economics, we have always understood the importance of markets and of the wealth-creating function. But there are things beyond markets and economics – and knowledge for the sake of knowledge as well as for securing social mobility are among those that LSE has always valued.' IG Patel was made an honorary fellow of the School in 1990.

After LSE he returned to his native town of Vadodara and continued his hectic schedule of advising governments and institutions. He wrote succinct accounts of his experience as an economic policy maker in *Glimpses of Indian Economic Policy: an insider's view* (2002) and of LSE in *An Encounter with Higher Education: my years at LSE* (2004).

IG Patel belonged to a generation that was imbued with the high ideals of public service, exemplified by Gandhi and Nehru. All his life he sought to serve the higher cause of economic progress with social justice. He took part in building the reputation of the UN Development Programme; he searched for solutions to the international currency crises in the aftermath of the breakdown of the Bretton Woods system; and he consolidated the reputation of the Reserve Bank of India, as an architect of monetary stability.

IG Patel was a remarkably modest and unassuming man. He was also a very happy one, thanks to the devoted love of his wife Alaknanda.

Meghnad Desai

Emeritus Professor of Economics, LSE

FORUM PROGRAMME

An international dialogue in honour of Dr IG Patel, former Director, LSE and former Governor, Reserve Bank of India

7.30am Conference registration

9.30am **Opening Session**

Introduction and welcome

Howard Davies

Director, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Tribute to IG Patel

Professor Amartya Sen (by video)

Department of Economics
Harvard University

Mervyn King (by video)

Governor, Bank of England

Professor William Cornish (by video)

Former Pro-Director, LSE and
Emeritus Professor of Law, Cambridge

Sir Nicholas Stern

Second Permanent Secretary
UK Treasury

Keynote speaker

Dr Manmohan Singh

Prime Minister, Republic of India

Concluding remarks

Dr Y V Reddy

Governor, Reserve Bank of India

10.30am Coffee Break

11am **Session I "Reform"**
Reforming Infrastructure – Private Entrepreneurship and Public Goods

Chair: **Lord Meghnad Desai**

Keynote speaker

Professor Danny Quah

Head of Department
Department of Economics, LSE

Special guest

Sheila Dikshit

Chief Minister, Delhi

Respondents

Nandan Nilekani

Chief Executive Officer, Infosys

Tarun Das

Chief Mentor, Confederation of Indian Industry

Professor Kishore Mahbubani

Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

12.45pm Lunch

1.45pm **Session II "Governance"**
Governing Trade – International Trade Policy and Local Development

Chair: **Professor Sarah Worthington**

Keynote speakers

Dr Razeen Sally

International Relations Department, LSE and
Director, European Centre of International
Political Economy

Montek Singh Ahluwalia (invited)

Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

Respondents

Dr Mohammed Munir Abdul Majid

Chairman, Malaysian Airlines

Kiran Karnik

President, National Association of Service
and Software Companies

3.30pm Coffee Break

3.45pm **Session III "Society"**
Moderating Society – International Relations and Global Crises

Chair: **Dr Nitin Desai**

LSE Honorary Fellow

Keynote speaker

Professor Robert Wade

Development Studies Institute, LSE

Respondents

HE Sun Yuxi

Ambassador of the People's Republic of
China to India

Dr Purna Sen

Director, Asia-Pacific Programme
Amnesty International

Professor Lord Meghnad Desai

Professor Emeritus, LSE

5.30pm **Concluding Remarks**

Howard Davies

Director, LSE

5.45pm Close

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr Manmohan Singh

Prime Minister, Republic of India



Manmohan Singh is India's fourteenth Prime Minister. He joined the government in 1971, as Economic Adviser in the Commerce Ministry and among the many governmental positions that he has occupied are: Secretary in the Ministry of Finance; Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission; and Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. In what was to become the turning point in the economic history of independent India, Dr Singh spent five years 1991-96 as India's Finance Minister. His role in ushering in a comprehensive policy of economic reforms is now recognised worldwide. Among his many awards and honours are: India's second highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan (1987); the Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Award of the Indian Science Congress (1995); the Asia Money Award for Finance Minister of the Year in 1993 and 1994; and the Euro Money Award for Finance Minister of the Year in 1993.

Professor William Cornish

Former Pro-Director, LSE and Emeritus
Professor of Law, Cambridge

As Professor of English Law at LSE from 1970 to 1990, William Cornish was the first to develop the teaching of intellectual property law in a British law school. He has held many influential positions, including founding member of the Council of the Intellectual Property Institute, London; Specialist Adviser to the House of Lords Committee on EC Legislation on trade marks and patents; founding member of the editorial board of the *European Intellectual Property Review*; and founding director of the Centre for European Legal Studies in the Cambridge Law faculty. He was also a panellist for domain name issues at the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre and a barrister and bencher of Gray's Inn. He became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1984.

Tarun Das

Chief Mentor, Confederation of Indian Industry



Tarun Das has spent his entire working career in industry associations, beginning with the predecessor body of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in 1963. He became Chief Executive in 1974 when CII was formed through the merger of two associations and remained in post until 2004: he is currently Chief Mentor of CII. He has received many awards including a CBE from the Queen for his contribution to Indo-British relations; the Blackwill award from the US India Business Council for his contribution to Indo-US economic cooperation; and the Singapore National Award by the Singapore government for his contribution to strengthening ties between India and Singapore. In 2006 he was awarded the Padma Bhushan, one of the highest civilian government awards, for his contributions to trade and industry.

Howard Davies

Director, LSE and Asia Forum host



Howard Davies became Director of LSE in October 2003. Before joining the School, he was Chairman of the Financial Services Authority and he has held a number of other senior UK posts including Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry and Controller of the Audit Commission. In 2004 he joined the board of Morgan Stanley as a non-executive director. He writes widely on educational and regulatory issues and is a regular contributor and columnist for a number of newspapers and magazines.

Professor Lord Desai

Emeritus Professor of Economics, LSE



Meghnad Desai taught at LSE from 1965 until 2003 and is now Emeritus Professor of Economics. At LSE he was also director of the Development Studies Institute (DESTIN) 1991-96 and the founder director of the Centre for the Study of Global Governance 1991-2003. He is an active member of the British Labour party and received his peerage in 1991. Among his other honours are Bharat Gaurav (Indian Merchants Chamber 2002), Pravasi Bharatiya Puraskar (Government of India and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry 2004). He recently received the Distinguished Indian Alumnus Award from the Wharton School.

Professor Nitin Desai

Honorary Fellow, LSE



Nitin Desai has been a public servant in India and the UN for most of his working life. In India his last job in the Government was as Chief Economic Adviser. In the UN he headed the Department of Economic and Social Affairs until his retirement at the end of August 2003 and is best known as the organiser of major summits like the Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development (2002), the Monterrey Conference on Finance for Development (2002), the Copenhagen Summit on Social Development (1995) and the Rio Conference on Environment and Development (1992). In addition he is Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the UN on Internet Governance and Chair of the Group which organises the Internet Governance Forum convened by the UN. He became an Honorary Fellow of LSE in 2004.

Smt Sheila Dikshit

Chief Minister, Government of Delhi



Sheila Dikshit was sworn in as Chief Minister for the second consecutive term of the Government of NCT of Delhi on 15 December 2003. She has championed the cause of women and has been a leading figure in granting equal rights to women. She represented India on the UN Commission on the Status of Women for five years (1984-89). In Uttar Pradesh, she, along with 82 colleagues, was jailed in 1990 for 23 days, when she led a people's movement against

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

the atrocities committed on women. She is Secretary of the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust which has come to play a leading role in the promotion of international understanding. She is strongly committed to secularism and has fought against the rise of communal forces. She practises the belief that if democracy is to truly survive in India, the basic norms of correct behaviour and rectitude have to form an integral part of public life.

Professor Fred Halliday

Department of International Relations, LSE



Fred Halliday is a well known and authoritative scholar and commentator on Middle Eastern affairs who has written extensively on the Middle East. He is a former convener of the Department of International Relations at LSE and a member of the Advisory Council of the Labour Party's Foreign Policy Centre. He appears regularly on the BBC, ABC, Al-Jazeera television, CBC and Irish radio. He speaks Persian, French, German, Spanish and Arabic – and six of his books have been translated into Arabic.

Kiran Karnik

President, National Association of Service and Software Companies



As President of the National Association of Service and Software Companies, the premier trade body and the chamber of commerce for the IT software and services industry in India, Kiran Karnik works closely with the industry, members and the Indian central and state governments to formulate policies and strategies for the advancement of this sector locally and internationally. He has been the guiding force for the Indian IT industry during the outsourcing backlash and has been instrumental in promoting India's technology strength to the world. He was awarded the Dataquest IT Person of the Year in 2005 and *Business Week* named him as one of the Stars of Asia.

Mervyn King

Governor, Bank of England



In addition to serving as the Governor of the Bank of England, Mervyn King is also Chairman of the Monetary Policy Committee. He was previously Deputy Governor at the Bank from 1998 to 2003, and Chief Economist and Executive Director from 1991. Prior to this he was Professor of Economics at LSE, where he founded the Financial Markets Group. In addition, he has taught at the University of Cambridge and the University of Birmingham and has been a visiting professor at Harvard and MIT. He is a Fellow of the British Academy, an Honorary Fellow of King's and St John's Colleges, Cambridge and holds honorary degrees from Birmingham, City of London, Edinburgh, London Guildhall, LSE and Wolverhampton universities.

Professor Kishore Mahbubani

Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy



Kishore Mahbubani is the Dean and Practice Professor of Public Policy, of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. With the Singapore Foreign Service from 1971 to 2004, he held postings in Cambodia (where he served during the war in 1973-74), Malaysia and Washington, DC, and he served two terms as the Singaporean Ambassador to the UN. He also served as President of the UN Security Council in January 2001 and May 2002 and was Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Ministry from 1993-98. In 1998 he was awarded the Public Administration medal by the Singapore government and the Foreign Policy Association medal in New York in 2004.

Nandan M Nilekani

Chief Executive Officer, Infosys



Nandan Nilekani was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Infosys in 2002. Prior to this, he was Managing Director, President and Chief Operating Officer and one of the founders. In 2006, he became one of the youngest entrepreneurs to join the World Economic Forum Foundation Board; he was listed among the 100 most influential people by *Time* magazine, 2006. He co-founded India's National Association of Software and Service Companies and the Bangalore Chapter of the IndUS Entrepreneurs (TiE). He was chairman of the government of India's IT Task Force for power; he served as a member of the subcommittee of the Securities and Exchange Board of India that dealt with insider trading; and as a member of the Reserve Bank of India's Advisory Group on corporate governance. In 2005, he received the Joseph Schumpeter prize for innovative services in the field of economy, economic sciences and politics and in 2006, the Padma Bhushan, one of the highest civilian honours awarded by the government of India.

Professor Danny Quah

Head of the Department of Economics, LSE



Danny Quah joined LSE in 1991 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he was Assistant Professor in the Economics Department. He publishes widely in the professional journals and has made contributions in a number of areas, ranging from time series econometrics, business cycles, inflation, and international income inequality to, most recently, technology and economic growth. He is credited with having developed the concept of the weightless economy. Danny's research has been supported by the British Academy, the Economic and Social Research Council, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, and the MacArthur Foundation. He now works on intellectual property rights and worldwide patterns of economic growth and income inequality.

Dr Yaga V Reddy**Governor, Reserve Bank of India**

Formerly a Visiting Fellow in the International Relations Department at LSE, Yaga Reddy has been Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) since September 2003. Prior to this, he was Executive Director at the International Monetary

Fund in 2002 and Deputy Governor of RBI from 1996. He also previously held the position of Secretary in the Ministry of Finance. His academic distinctions include being a full-time Visiting Professor at the Osmania University; full-time Visiting Faculty at the Administrative Staff College of India; and Senior Fellow, Centre for Economic and Social Studies.

Dr Razeen Sally**Senior Lecturer in International Political Economy, LSE**

Razeen Sally has taught at LSE since 1993 and is co-director of the European Centre for International Political Economy, a new international economic policy think tank based in Brussels. He is also Visiting Professor at the Institut D'Etudes

Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris and Associate Senior Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. He is on the Academic Advisory Council of the Institute of Economic Affairs in London, and on the advisory board of the Cato Centre for Trade Policy Studies in Washington DC. His research focuses on trade policy in Asia, the World Trade Organisation and preferential trade agreements. He also writes on the intellectual history of political economy, especially the theory of commercial policy. He lectures and consults on trade policy for governments, business and international organisations.

Professor Amartya Sen**Department of Economics, Harvard University**

Amartya Sen is Lamont University Professor and Professor of Economics at Harvard. He was previously Professor of Economics at LSE and remains a senior research associate of the Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics

and Related Disciplines (STICERD) at LSE. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 1998 for his work on famine, human development theory, welfare economics, the underlying mechanisms of poverty, and political liberalism. From 1998 to 2004 he was Master of Trinity College at Cambridge University, becoming the first Asian academic to head an Oxbridge college. He is an honorary president of Oxfam.

Dr Purna Sen**Director, Asia-Pacific Programme, Amnesty International**

Purna Sen joined Amnesty International as the Director for the Asia Pacific Programme in February 2005, having previously been a lecturer in the Development Studies Institute (DESTIN) and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for the Study

of Global Governance at LSE. Since the early 1990s she has been engaged in working both on violence against women and on gender and development initiatives. Her work has included research, publications and activism on violence against women, culture and human rights, particularly in relation to sexual violence, trafficking, civil society organising against violence, as well as social development issues.

Sir Nicholas Stern**Head of UK Government Economic Service**

An economist, academic and civil servant, Sir Nicholas Stern was the Chief Economist and Senior Vice-President of the World Bank from 2000-03. He was a lecturer at Cambridge

University from 1970-77 and Professor of Economics at the University of Warwick from 1978-87. He taught at LSE from 1986-93 and was the Sir John Hicks Professor of Economics. He was elected as a Fellow of the British Academy in 1993 and is an Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2004 he was made a Knight Bachelor. He is known for his work on economic development and growth and more recently on the development and economics of climate change, culminating in the *Stern Review: the economics of climate change*, published this year.

Professor Sarah Worthington**Deputy Director and Professor of Law, LSE**

As Deputy Director, Sarah Worthington's areas of responsibility include the promotion and development of LSE's external activities and relations, strategic alliances, research and academic innovation, and alternative income streams. Her

research is in the fields of commercial equity, personal property and securities law, secured financing and corporate governance. She has been a consultant to the UK Law Commission and a member of working groups of the Bank of England Financial Markets Law Committee and the UK Company Law Review. She has held visiting appointments in Hong Kong, Australia and South Africa, and is currently Vice-President of the Society of Legal Scholars, a Professorial Fellow of the University of Melbourne and in chambers at Gray's Inn.

HE Sun Yuxi**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of India**

Sun Yuxi began his diplomatic career in 1979 as Political Officer to the Chinese Embassy in France. He has also been Chief of Political Section at the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan; Assistant Representative and Political Counselor

in Cambodia; Counselor and Director, Department of Asian Affairs in China; Minister Counselor in the Republic of Korea; and Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Afghanistan. He studied at LSE in the 1980s.

LSE IN ASIA

LSE has a strong reputation and profile in Asia reflected both in the increasing numbers of students applying to our undergraduate and graduate programmes and the growing amount of research on Asia conducted at the School. In 2004-05 nearly 20 per cent of the School's students came from Asia.

LSE India

LSE and India have had a strong relationship since LSE was founded. Today LSE India continues to develop links with Indian academic institutions, government and corporate bodies for knowledge exchange and capacity building programmes. LSE India works with LSE's key Indian partners – CII, RBI and Tata – as well as other institutional and academic partners to initiate a range of linkages and joint programmes.

Examples are the partnership with the Reserve Bank of India and the State Bank of India to create the LSE India Observatory, capacity building workshops (with the National Institute of Bank Management) on central banking and financial markets for banking professionals and a collaboration with the Institute for Finance and Management Research. A partnership has also been created with the Tata Institute of Social Science. Institutional collaborations are developing with a number of other academic groups. Collaboration involves joint research and staff and student exchanges.

LSE India has worked together with the World Bank, DFID, UNAIDS, the National Council for Applied Economic Research, the Energy Research Institute, Sage India and organised workshops and book launches. LSE India is working on developing, supporting and strengthening alumni networks across the country.

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LSE China

LSE has joined forces with universities in China to offer a variety of collaborative teaching and research activities comprising double degree programmes, joint research projects, PhD exchanges as well as conferences and workshops. The School has an institutional partnership with Peking University in Beijing to offer joint teaching programmes, sustain research, and facilitate faculty and student exchanges. There is also a partnership with Fudan University to offer a double degree in global media and communications. In October 2006 the Confucius Institute for Business, located at LSE in London, was launched: this aims to promote Chinese for business to the local community and foster greater understanding of business culture in China.

LSE alumni include the Chinese ambassadors to the United Nations and Washington and the chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

For more information, please contact Dr Brendan Smith at b.p.smith1@lse.ac.uk or the Academic Partnerships Office at LSE, partnership_programmes@lse.ac.uk

Asia Research Centre

The Asia Research Centre builds on LSE's long engagement with Asia through its students – past and present – and research. The Centre's objectives are:

- To identify, coordinate and promote Asia related research across the School
- To encourage interdisciplinary research with a comparative perspective
- To organise scholarly events on Asia related issues: academic; policy oriented; comparative perspectives; high profile speaker series
- To sponsor publication of LSE's Asia related research
- To host Visiting Fellows under established Fellowship schemes (which include the Sir Ratan Tata and CR Parekh fellowships) by acting as a point of information and selection for Fellows and placement into appropriate departments, institutes and centres
- To promote the establishment of the development of original social science material in key Asian languages for the Library.

The Asia Research Centre maintains an extensive network of contacts with universities and other institutions in Asia and offers hospitality to visiting scholars with research interests in the region. It offers two post-doctoral fellowships to scholars from South Asia.

In-house research at the Centre covers a broad range of themes including: the impact of rationing on poverty alleviation; lessons from the transition to a market economy in China and Vietnam; basic education in Pakistan – the failure pattern and causes; India's policy on genetically modified crops; and the implications of the clean development mechanisms of the Kyoto Summit to rural livelihoods in India. The Centre organises public meetings and conferences on topical issues and runs a public lecture series under particular themes.

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Corporate Relations

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For more information on Corporate Relations please contact Florian Lennert, Director of Corporate Relations at f.lennert@lse.ac.uk or telephone **+44 (0)20 7107 5256**.

Careers

The LSE Careers Service provides a range of opportunities and access to a number of services to suit the needs of organisations. It hosts a number of Careers Fairs in the UK and Asia, and offers a range of electronic methods for advertising vacancies specifically to LSE students, graduates and alumni. Employers can target specific groups of students by email, and a new service has also been launched called LSE Select, whereby an online database can be accessed to search CVs of current students and alumni according to specific criteria of job vacancies. If your organisation recruits regularly from LSE, you may wish to publicise this through the *LSE Guide to Careers in Asia*. For more information about this, contact Shaun Harris Tel: **+44 (0)20 7955 7133** Email: s.j.harris@lse.ac.uk www.lse.ac.uk/careers

Consultancy

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www.lse.ac.uk/studentrecruitment

LSE awards £5 million a year in student support, thanks in part to help from alumni, corporations, foundations and friends all over the world. Many students secure external funding and many finance their study through part-time work at LSE. This support helps keep an LSE education within the reach of talented students regardless of means.

www.lse.ac.uk/financialsupportoffice

LSE's study abroad programme, the General Course, offers students at institutions overseas the opportunity to spend a year of fully integrated undergraduate study at the School.

www.lse.ac.uk/general-course

TRIUM

LSE offers the TRIUM Global Executive MBA programme jointly with New York University Stern School of Business and HEC School of Management, Paris. It is divided into six intellectually rigorous modules held in five international business locations over a 16 month period. The TRIUM curriculum is tailor made for senior level international executive participants.

www.triumemba.org



MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENT AT LSE

The New Academic Building

The New Academic Building at LSE will dramatically enhance the campus, the importance of student life and the quality and number of teaching spaces. Purchased in October 2004 and now undergoing refurbishment, it will be ready for use in mid 2008.

Located with frontages on both Lincoln's Inn Fields and Kingsway, this building presents LSE with a unique opportunity to expand an increasingly crowded campus. With over 120,000 square feet of new space in this handsome former civil service building, LSE can almost double its existing teaching space, consolidate the Law and Management departments and offer some excellent areas for student gatherings and high profile public events.

In the words of governor Sir Michael Lickiss, 'This is the building, long looked for, that unlocks the log jam we have all been living with. This makes the future of this campus possible.'

The Department of Law and the new Department of Management (bringing together five former departments) will move into the building upon its completion. Such consolidation will place the now scattered Law Department on Lincoln's Inn Fields and allow it to achieve a new level of intellectual focus.

The creation of a Management Department brings together the many offerings in this high demand area.

The acquisition of this new space provides the possibility of expanding the student body substantially over the next six years.

The New Academic Building is the top priority project in the Campaign for LSE. At a total cost of almost £60 million, we are hoping to raise at least £10 million from alumni, friends, trusts and foundations and other sources to bring it to fruition. This is an opportunity to join in a dramatic transformation of LSE.

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Proposed atrium in the New Academic Building – artist's impression courtesy of Grimshaw

LSE ALUMNI IN THE REGION

LSE is in regular contact with over 80,000 alumni worldwide, with over 13,000 in Asia. This forms one of the largest cohorts of LSE alumni anywhere in the world. The Alumni Relations programme offers opportunities to remain in contact with LSE in a variety of ways, from reunions and events at the School to volunteer alumni activities through respective alumni groups.

The Alumni Relations team is in regular contact with the alumni leaders in New Delhi and in Kolkata where there are two very active groups. The network of alumni groups is growing in Mumbai, Bangalore and Chennai in partnership with the LSE India Office, the Corporate Relations Unit, the Alumni Relations Office and a growing number of key volunteers throughout India.

The LSE Alumni Association, which was launched last year, allows the School to engage the alumni body through a formally constituted group sanctioned by the School authorities. The Association is organised by a volunteer Executive Committee elected by the biennial meeting of alumni group leaders at the Alumni Forum, meeting next in September 2007. The Association represents the views of the alumni to the School as well providing the alumni body and especially the alumni group leaders with a regular line of communication with all areas of the School.

The Alumni Relations Office is currently working on a new web community which will allow all alumni, wherever they are in the world, the opportunity to manage their own online profile, have access to the worldwide network of alumni and participate in School activities.

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LSE offers an ongoing commitment to alumni in Asia and during the Forum Matthew Horton, Head of Alumni Relations, will be meeting alumni leaders from the region to ensure the continued development of the Alumni Relations programme for the mutual benefit of alumni and the School. Please feel free to approach Matthew during the Forum to discuss any issues that you may have.

The Alumni Relations programme is part of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at LSE. The primary responsibility of the Office is to seek philanthropic support from alumni, friends, trusts, foundations, and corporations for a range of priority projects at LSE. These priorities include improvements to facilities, scholarships for needy students, support for academic activities and the Annual Fund which contacts alumni each year. The School is deeply grateful to alumni throughout Asia who have supported a range of projects, including this Forum and scholarships for students.

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