



"The impressive scope of PBD Singapore and the high voltage participation of dignitaries, especially from the governments of both countries, present yet another opportunity to anchor India's rising global profile."

— Mr Bala Shankar
Board member, NPS International School



"It is both timely and momentous for PBD to be replicated here in Singapore, especially with the rising eminence of India as an economic giant; this seminar bodes well for both Singapore and India as new friendships will be forged and new networks will be forged."

— Dr T. Chandroo
Chairman/CEO, Modern Montessori International



"I believe this PBD symbolises the best in the diasporic Indian who acknowledges that he is the product of dynamic business activities but, at the same time, yearns for a Singapore-like (if not better) focus in his homeland."

— Mr Lybu Kuruvilla
Chief Operations Officer, GE Money, Singapore



"The Indian diaspora, be it anywhere, does not bloom merely for its own beauty but lives to truly reflect the character and leadership potential of a great nation. Celebrating PBD is therefore a celebration of frontierless India all over the globe."

— Col (Retd) Charanjit Gill
Principal, DPS International School

Praised By the Diaspora

Indians in Singapore have just good things to say about PBD being held in the Republic



"As a Singaporean of Indian origin, I am elated that the PBD is being held here. Our growing bilateral trade, nearly 8 per cent of Singapore's population being originally from India and the fact that our President is of Indian origin all point to a strong bond between the countries."

— Mrs Urvasi Sood
Director, Ambassador Hotel Services



"There are believed to be over 20 million Indians residing outside India. PBD is a time when they are recognised in a way that allows them to stay connected as well as enrich their links with India and also be involved with the future development of India."

— Mr Ajay Bhalla, Executive Vice-President, South East & South Asia, MasterCard Worldwide



"The PBD has intertwined the global Indians together in a cultural, economical and social way. It has also increased awareness and recognition of the significant contributions global Indians have been making in their home countries."

— Mr Atul Temurkar
Co-Founder & Chairman, Global Indian Foundation



"It is only appropriate that Singapore, which has strong links with India stretching back to its very founding in 1819, should host the first PBD outside India and SICCI is proud to be one of the main organisers."

— Mr Vijay Iyengar,
Chairman, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) & Managing Director, AgriCorp International Pte Ltd



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