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PRESS NOTE

Bangalore Customs is celebrating International Customs day on 27th January, 2010, at 3PM at Yavanika, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore. 174 member countries of the World Customs Organization celebrate International Customs Day on 26th January to commemorate the first session of the Customs Co-operation Council which was held on 26th January, 1953. This year, the WCO has decided that the theme for International Customs Day on 26th January, 2010 and indeed for the year 2010 itself will be "Customs and Business: Improving performance through Partnerships".

In the current global environment, Customs and its private sector partners must act together to enhance performance and work at simplification, speed, flexibility, predictability, thereby ensuring effectiveness and fairness of procedures. This year Shri M.L.Agrawall, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, has consented to be the Chief Guest. Shri Shekar Vishwanathan, Deputy Managing Director of M/s.Toyota Kirloskar Motor Limited and Vice-President, Bangalore Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be the Guest of Honour.

Bangalore Customs dates back to 1970 when the foreign post office was set up, to clear post parcels. The Air Cargo Complex was set up in 1972 followed by the Customs Division in 1979. Inland Container Depot was set up in 1984 which was later shifted to Whitefield in 1993. Bangalore Customs in its present form and jurisdiction covering 10 districts of Karnataka came into existence in 1997.

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In the Current fiscal, the revenue target of Bangalore Customs is Rs.3140crores out of which Rs.1700crores has been collected till December 2009. During the year 2009-2010, efforts were made to facilitate the trade by upgrading the server at ICD, Whitefield. The Customs EDI system will be upgraded to the new EDI version ie., ICES 1.5 hosted on the Central Server. Bangalore Customs displays Public Notices etc., pertaining to the trade on its web-site www.bangalorecustoms.gov.in.

Through the introduction of the latest techniques like Risk Management System and Accredited Clients Program since August 2006, efforts are made to facilitate the trade to enable quick clearance of cargo. The working hours at ICD and Air Cargo Complex have been revised to ensure faster clearances of import/export cargo.

Workshops have been held on e-payment of customs duties in association with Bangalore Customs House Agents Association and Bangalore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Plans are underway to impart training in Customs Laws and Procedures to the employees of the Customs House Agents. These efforts are made to ensure compliance to various laws that Customs has to enforce as a Border Control Agency which will also ensure faster clearance of Cargo, thereby benefiting all stakeholders in the Customs community system.

The customs officers at ICD Whitefield along with CONCOR, NIC and CHA employees have organized a blood donation camp on 25th January, on the eve of the Customs Day celebrations, with the help of Rotary Club of Indiranagar, Bangalore. Almost 100 persons donated their blood at this camp which was organized successfully.



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