

A Farewell to Hon M Ganapathi



Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia and Australia India Business Council (AIBC) hosted a cruise dinner for Hon M Ganapathi, Consul General of India, Sydney who will be moving on to Kuwait as the Ambassador of India on 18 December 2005. The dinner was organised on a prestigious Majestic Cruise ship which took the attendees on a magnificent view of the Sydney Harbour. The significant VIP guests who joined the farewell were Hon John Aquilina MP, Speaker of NSW Parliament, Hon Laurie Ferguson, Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs; Population Health and Health Regulation, Hons Georgy D Toloraya, Consul General of Russian Federation, Ejaz Ahmed, Consul General of Pakistan, Recep Teker, Deputy Consul General of Turkey, Mohana Kumaran, Consul & Head of Chancery, Consulate General of India, Harmohan Singh Walia, a Sikh community leader, Kamahl, a well known Australian singer and artist and others. The major participants and supporters of the event included Macquarie Bank headed by its MD Warwick



Smith, Commonwealth Bank, Sims Group, Ethnic Communication Australia (ETCOM), India Tourism, Accor Group, Hunt & Hunt Lawyers, Swami & Associates, TIE, University of New South Wales.

Gambhir Watts, president Bhavan Australia said Ganapathi, literally meaning the lord of beginning has been in fact the lord of beginning for Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia as Mr Ganapathi played a key role in bringing Bhavan to Australia. He further recalled his continuing support for and participation in Bhavan's Activities since its inception in July 2003. Neville Roach, Chairman AIBC highly praised the substantial contribution Mr Ganapathi had made in the growth of the bilateral trade and relations between Australia and India. Mr Ganapathi greatly appreciated the gesture of Bhavan Australia and AIBC for hosting such a wonderful farewell evening which he would always remember. Mr Ganapathi lauded the efforts of Bhavan Australia and AIBC in enhancing the image of Indian Culture and India in the eyes of Australia. Gambhir Watts presented a special memento trophy to Hon M Ganapathi on behalf of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia. Avijit Sarkar and Pushpa Jagdish accompanied by Murtaza on Tabla sang musical melodies including some special songs dedicated to Mr Ganapathi. Shwetambra Brar presented a classical dance item specially choreographed for Mr Ganapathi.

*Remembering
M. Ganapathi
at Bhavan's events*



Hon M Ganapathi at Bhavan's Pre-Launch function in July 2003



Hon M Ganapathi at the Bhavan Australia's Formal Launch on 30 August 2003



Hon M Ganapathi lighting the traditional lamp inaugurating Bhavan Australia's Library in October 2003



Hon M Ganapathi launching Bhavan Australia's website in January 2004



Hon M Ganapathi delivering a speech at the Holi Mahotsav April 2004



Hon M Ganapathi & Mrs Uma Ganapathi at the World Culture Concert in August 2004.



Hon M Ganapathi at ICCR Bhangra Concert Nov 2004



Hon M Ganapathi at Bhavan Australia's performance at Parliament of NSW for Rajput photo Exhibition



Hon M Ganapathi at Bhavan Australia's performance for an Exhibition by Friends of Swaminathan Australia September.



Hon M Ganapathi at the World Culture Concert 2005



Hon M Ganapathi at ICCR Rajasthan Performance November 2005