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# THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA

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24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

#### **Shri Anurag Singh Thakur**

Hon'ble Union Minister of State of Finance and Corporate Affairs
Ministry of Finance
North Block
New Delhi — 110 001

Sub: Request to be the 'Chief Guest' at ICAI Virtual Event to inaugurate the 2 new Chapters and 12 Representative Offices on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 9 PM (IST)

Respected Sir,

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is a premier accountancy body and one of the largest in the world. ICAI's sagacious journey of more than 70 years has seen it expand nationally and globally with its establishing 164 branches in India and 34 Chapters overseas with about 325,000 members spread across the globe. Professional competence and contribution of ICAI members in economic and social development in different parts of the world is well recognised.

The members abroad are currently being served by its overseas Chapters which provide them a forum for furtherance of their professional pursuits and knowledge on one hand and promoting affability amongst the ICAI members on the other besides providing opportunities of networking. ICAI overseas Chapters also facilitate in bringing foreign investment to India and also assisting Indian Industry by guiding them about the investment opportunities in different parts of the world. These Chapters are like an extended arm of the Institute which are playing a pivotal role in furthering the Mission of the Indian Chartered Accountancy profession in foreign countries.

Your goodself Sir may recall that you have advised us to work in the direction of global expansion and showcase to the world the strength of the Indian accountancy profession and Indian brain. Your kind words we have taken as mission and we devised a Scheme of Representative Office leading to formation of ICAI Chapter abroad. The objective of setting up of the Representative Office is to have a nodal point of ICAI to serve its members better in that jurisdiction.

We are pleased to inform that consistent efforts are bringing positive results and we will soon able to have global footprints at 14 new locations. Hon'ble Sir, ICAI currently have the presence of 34 Chapters and in this continuous endeavour of going global, ICAI has decided to open 2 new Chapters in Luxembourg, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter in Europe and Fujairah, United Arab of Emirates, adding the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter in Middle Easter region. Further ICAI shall also be opening 12 new Representative Offices at African region namely: Ghana (Accra); Rwanda (Kigali); Mauritius (Port Lious); Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa); South Africa (Durban and Johannesburg); Egypt (Cairo); Jordan (Aqaba); Seychelles (Mahe); Malawi (Lilongwe); Malawi (Blayntre) and Mozambique (Maputo).

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To commemorate the occasion to inaugurate the 2 new Chapters and 12 Representative Offices, ICAI is organising a virtual event on July 30, 2020 at 9 PM IST. ICAI and the Indian accountancy profession would feel extremely privileged if your goodself would kindly accede to be the 'Chief Guest' at the aforesaid event and share your words of erudition at the event.

The virtual event is expected to be attended by around 1000 overseas members residing in Middle East, Africa and Europe and other foreign countries. Your kind presence and words of wisdom would be of immense benefit to the whole Indian accounting fraternity across the globe.

Minute to Minute programme of the event shall be shared with you shortly.

We sincerely look forward to have your presence in the said event which would have a synergetic effect for the entire profession.

Thanking you,

With respectful regards,

Yours sincerely,

(CA. Atul Kumar Gupta)

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