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MESSAGE

It is a matter of immense pleasure that STAT Trade Times is organizing an international event "AIR CARGO INDIA 2010" at Mumbai, from 2nd to 4th February 2010.

2. According to earlier estimates, the air cargo traffic was expected to grow at 13 to 14% annually during the period 2007-10. The recent economic downturn has affected this growth rate, but nevertheless, India has done fairly well when compared to other global players. There is no denying the fact that Air Cargo is a global activity and no country can sit in isolation if it has to achieve a sustained economic growth.

3. The Air Freight Traffic in India has grown in consonance with the Indian Economy which has been around 8% in recent years. Apart from being one of the largest international trade hubs, India has huge potential for development of domestic aviation activities which include Air Cargo. As is well-known that India has one of the youngest population in the world which has a global attitude for developing trade relationship with other countries.

4. I convey my congratulations to the organizers of this event for their timely effort and hope that other stakeholders in the cargo industry would be encouraged to hold such events which will help India to build world class infrastructure for Air Cargo.

5. I wish the event every success.

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