

**Chairman's Pen**

*My dear fellow exporters,*

*EEPC India in collaboration with Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is conducting a survey on “**Negotiations on Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement: Assessing India’s Interest**”.*

*The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is being negotiated by the ten economies of ASEAN (Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia & Laos) and six major economies of the Asia Pacific - Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand. This is the largest trade deal that India has so far undertaken to negotiate. In total, the grouping of 16 nations includes more than 3 billion people and has a combined GDP of about US\$ 17 trillion accounting for about 40 percent of world trade.*

*It is important to ensure that the Government has adequate inputs on the specific issues to be addressed under the RCEP framework in order to maximize the opportunities for Indian business community. Council, therefore, would like to request you to participate in this survey by responding to the questionnaire which has already sent to its member and the same is also available on the Council’s website.*

*Members are requested to kindly send their views/suggestions by e-mail to [sgupta@eepcindia.net](mailto:sgupta@eepcindia.net); [eepcho@eepcindia.net](mailto:eepcho@eepcindia.net) latest by August 30, 2014.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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