

UIA Media Release For Earthquake Relief Function at NSW Parliament

The New South Wales Parliamentary Asia-Pacific Friendship Group hosted a joint meeting in the Parliament house on 08 November 2005 to help the victims of recent earthquake in Asia. This event was inspired by UIA and facilitated by Hon. Virginia Judge, MP for Strathfield.



Hon. John Aquilina



Hon. Virginia Judge MP Strathfield



Dr Prabhat Sinha, UIA Vice-President

The chairman of NSW Parliamentary Asia-Pacific Friendship Group Hon. Jeff Hunter MP Along with Hon. Virginia Judge had put all out efforts to invite Parliamentarians, Consul Generals from different countries, various community groups from Indian, Pakistani and other Asian organizations. Hon. John Aquilina, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly and Members of the NSW Parliament including Judy Hoppwood also attended this very important fundraising function.



Dr Rohitas Batta, Hon. Virginia Judge, Dr Prabhat Sinha Vice-President (UIA), Vietnam, Consul General

Consul Generals from Thailand, Vietnam and Pakistan were represented at this function. The fundraiser was truly a momentous occasion with the attendance of the heads and members of United Indian Associations, Pakistan Australia Association, FAIA, BVB, Jewish Board of Deputies and World Vision attending this event. They were accompanied by Rabbi Mendel Kastel from Point Zero and also a number of representatives from the Tamil Sri Lankan Community.



Hon. Virginia Judge MP, Dr.Navin Khandhar, Dr Prabhat Sinha, Vice-President (UIA)



UIA as usual was vibrant in participation with Dr Prabhat Sinha, Vice-President (UIA) leading a full contingent from member organizations of UIA. Prominent among those attended were Dr.Navin Khandhar, Mr Raj Natarajan, Dr Rohitas Batta, Mr Onkaraswamy Goppenalli, Mr Basavaraj, Mr Sam Swaminathan, Mr. Narendra Saha-Chaudhury, Mr.Logessan Pillay, Mr.John Gopal, Mr Sanjeev Misra, Mr Sanjay Deshwal, Mr Bipan Sharma, Mr Ajay Raj, Mrs Aparna, Mrs Shashi and others. The UIA group co-ordinated by Rohitas Batta had assured Hon. Jeff Hunter and Hon. Virginia Judge that the umbrella organization (UIA) is always at the fore front to provide assistance to the needy in Australia and overseas.



Representatives from both the Pakistan and Indian Communities came together as one group for the noble cause. “With many recent global tragedies it was tremendous to see such strong support for this appeal from many of our communities,” said Ms Virginia Judge, State Member for Strathfield.



Mr Onkraswamy Goppenalli, Dr Batta, Mr.Logessan Pillay, Hon. Virginia Judge



Dr. Prabhat Sinha of UIA emphasized the need for all to come together for helping the victims of this disaster. The Pakistan Consul General, Mr Ejaz Ahmad mentioned that more than 80 000 had died, more than 78 000 injured and around 3.5 million were left homeless. With winter now approaching shelter is an urgent need. Among other speakers were representatives from BVB and FAIA.



Hon. Jeff Hunter MP, Dr Prabhat Sinha Vice-President (UIA), Mr Basavaraj



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