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Message

Dear Friends,

It is my privilege to be President of the dynamic Indian Organisation in Australia: United Indian Associations Inc. (UIA).

The India-Australia Friendship Fair is the Icon of the Indian Community, having just entered into its 12th year. Increasing in popularity every year it has become a premier community event, helped by the fact that it is now held at the internationally-renowned Athletic Centre in Sydney Olympic Park.

Various organizations are presenting colourful dances; accomplished singers will exhibit their talent. This year we are having yoga demonstrations; the Overseas and Australian Medical Graduates Association is conducting free health checks; food stalls cater for all tastes – there will be authentic food from all parts of India; various commercial stalls will be participating; there will also be camel rides and night fire works.

Specialties of this year include participation from organizations based in the ACT and Victoria, and the availability of 'special events' trains and buses making travel by public transport to the event quicker than usual.

A fair of this magnitude is made possible by the selfless effort of the organizing committee, chaired by Raj Nataraj and including Devendra Kumar, Shrinadh Brahmapuram, Krishnamurthy Toopran. We are grateful to them. We thank all the participants and stall holders, also thanks to Bruce Pollock, Emma Heath, Sheba Nandkeolyar, Onkarswamy Goppenalli and Dakshina Murthy, Dr. Navin Khandhar, Dr. Rohitas Batta for their invaluable contributions.

Special thanks to our sponsors, especially the Olympic Park Authority/Athletic Centre who also made the venue available for us.

Thank you all for visiting the fair.

With best wishes,

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