

## MESSAGE FROM SANGHAMITRA

The International Conference in Hyderabad, India, on Strength Based Strategies is a watershed event in the Indian Context. The Conference, which perhaps, is the first International event of its kind, will focus on a completely refreshing and positive approach in solving problems of development and empowerment. The event, with its impact in societal context as well as in corporate HR context, has come at a time when India is poised for a quantum jump for development to a higher level of achievement in terms of productivity, prosperity and health.

Sanghamitra, a young six-year old NGO, which is functioning in perhaps the most backward area of the state of Andhra Pradesh in India, finds in the Conference theme of Strength Based Strategies, an echo of its own core values in women's empowerment and Self Help Group projects. Sanghamitra has a vision of creating a reliable and acceptable model of social regeneration by helping people to enhance their inherent strengths, abilities and innate wisdom. We at Sanghamitra look forward to a very illuminating interaction with the global community engaged in diverse activities for social development and hope to learn by sharing each other's experiences, achievements and also failures.

Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice Inc, Australia has taken a laudable initiative in conceptualising and directing this important Conference. It is heartening to see the enthusiastic response from several international institutions, experts and individuals. The wide interest, which the Conference has aroused, is evident from spontaneous participation of several committed groups and individuals from developing as well as developed countries. The list includes India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom and Nepal and from numerous Indian NGOs, groups and individual experts who certainly decided to take the advantage of this conference being held in India. The conference has been further enriched by the invaluable contribution from world-renowned authorities in the field of corporate HRD such as Dr TV Rao, Chairman and MD of TVRLS. We are sure that our delegates from the corporate HRM world would stand to gain tremendously from the presentations, both at the main conference as well as the Pre and Post Conference institutes designed to provide conceptual insights in the fascinating field of Strength Based Practices.

We at Sanghamitra offer our heartfelt good wishes for the success of the conference.

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