Synergy 2015 Agenda

**October 30, 2015**

9:00-9:30 am: REGISTRATION & NETWORKING (COFFEE/COOKIES)

9:30-9:50 am: OPENING ADDRESS by Hon. Pierre S. Pettigrew, PC, Chair, Canada India Education Council (CIEC)

9:50-10:05 am: ‘Canada & India: How our paths intersect’ by Hon. Akhilesh Mishra, India’s Consul General

10:05-10:25 am: ‘What can Ontario do to better position ourselves internationally?’ by Hon. Patrick Brown, MPP

10:25-10:35 am: SYNERGY 2015 OVERVIEW by Husain F. Neemuchwala, CEO & Executive Director, CIEC

10:35-11:05 am: NETWORKING BREAK I

11:05-11:45 am: INAUGURAL ADDRESS ‘ACADEMIA-INDUSTRY LINKAGES: a Myth or Reality? – Canada-India Context’ by Prof. Balbir Sahni, Professor Emeritus, Economics, Concordia University

11:45-12:10 pm: ‘KEYNOTE ADDRESS’: ‘Academia & Industry: linkages and role India can play’ with Q&A, by Yezdi Pavri, Chair, Canada-India Business Council (CIBC)

12:10-12:50 pm: SESSION III: ‘The National Skills Development Council (NSDC), a Synopsis,’ by Dr. Ragini Bilolikar, Academic Advisor – India, Canada India Education Council

12:50 -1:55 pm: WORKING ‘INDIAN BUFFET’

1:55-2:35 pm: SESSION IV: ‘Talent Supply Chain Management: Fueling and Refueling the Labour Market’ – exploring how institutions can better respond to market, technology, talent pool and business need changes, by Veenaa Kumari, Research Scholar

2:35-3:15 pm: SESSION V: ‘Ten Years of the University of the Fraser Valley’s Campus in Chandigarh: Moving Beyond Challenge to Success’ by Dr. Peter Geller, Vice Provost & AVP, University of Fraser Valley

3:15-3:45 pm: SPEED DATING: 1 minute self-introductions of attendees & what they would like to achieve (recruiting, partnerships, joint programming…) Interactive session with the audience & an opportunity to learn from and about each other.

3:45-4:15 pm: DESSERT & NETWORKING BREAK

4:15-4:45 pm: SESSION VI: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH LEADERS FROM ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY – Including New Education Delivery Models by Vijendra “VJ” Gairola, CIEC’s Senior Strategic Advisor & Sheila Embleton, Professor of Linguistics, York University

4:45-5:00 pm: SESSION VII: ‘The role Hybrid Institutions can play in the Canada-India education corridor’, by Hanson International Academy, Synergy Gold Sponsor

5:00-6:00 pm: COCKTAIL RECEPTION (1 drink incl.)

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