

Six-member team of (FICCI) led by Additional Director

Sequel to LCCI 100-member high-powered delegation's visit to India, a six-member team of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) led by Additional Director Goutam Gosh Friday called on LCCI President Irfan Qaiser Sheikh, Senior Vice President Kashif Younis Meher and Vice President Saeeda Nazar to discuss and finalise modalities for the first-ever Made in India Show scheduled for February 11-13 at Expo Centre, Lahore. LCCI former President Iftikhar Ali Malik, Executive Committee Members Rehman Chan and Chaudhry Wajid Ali also spoke on the occasion. The FICCI team, spent over an hour with the LCCI office-bearers, also informed them that as per the proposed programme Federal Minister for Commerce Makhdoom Amin Fahim will inaugurate the exhibition while the closing would be performed by the Indian Commerce Minister on February 14. The head of the FICCI delegation Goutam Gosh said that there would be two components of the exhibition. First this single country exhibition itself where 120 to 150 Indian companies would be showcasing their products while the second important segment would be the CEOs Roundtable as a big delegation of CEOs of Indian companies are accompanying the Indian Commerce Minister in the morning of February 14. "The very objective of CEOs Roundtable is to bring the businessmen of two countries further close. It would be a sort of B2B between Pak-India businessmen." The LCCI President Irfan Qaiser Sheikh, while assuring the FICCI team of his fullest support and cooperation for Made in India Show, said that a special committee comprising LCCI Executive Committee Members would be formed at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry to coordinate with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry to make this exhibition a big success. He said that all the office-bearers and the Executive Committees of all the Chambers in Pakistan would also be taken on board for the Made in India Show to make it a big success.

Irfan Qaiser Sheikh said that it was a big success of the business community of Pakistan that it had successfully convinced their Indian counterparts for an exhibition in Lahore at a time when even both the governments are reluctant to bring together their respective cricket teams at same venue for a match. The LCCI President said that this makes the point that the businessmen have the ability to surmount even the biggest challenges and the first-ever Made in India Show would help bring the people of two countries together besides further strengthening trade and economic relations.

He said that it was now duty of the Indian government and the businessmen to remove all Pakistan-specific Non-Tariff Barriers so that direct trade between the two countries could get a jumpstart. Speaking on the occasion, the LCCI Vice President Saeeda Nazar said that some social/cultural activity should also be made part of Made in India Show for the visitors. She also thanked the Indian delegates for extending a warm welcome to the LCCI 100 member delegation that visited Indian on December 2.