**Talk on Neurons to Nations:**

**How investing in early childhood development builds healthy societies**

Day and Date: Thursday, August 04, 2022

Time 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

We are pleased to inform you that the IMC’s Knowledge (Skill & Education) Committee jointly with Bombay Teachers’ Training College is organizing an event. The details are as under.

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**Venue: Bombay Teachers’ Training College, Mahakavi Bhushan Marg, Near Regal Cinema,**

**Opp. Apollo Hotel, Colaba, Mumbai-400039.**

*“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.” – Albert Einstein*

The Talk will be conducted by Dr. Neil Boothby, Professor and Director of the Global Center for the Development of the Whole Child at the University of Notre Dame.

The lecture will address how healthy development in the early years provides the building blocks for educational achievement, economic productivity, responsible citizenship, lifelong health, strong communities, and successful parenting of the next generation. Particular attention will be paid to the effect of poverty on child development and educational outcomes, and how school readiness, or the child’s ability to use and profit from school, has been recognized as playing a unique role in escape from poverty.  It is a critical element but needs to be supported by many other components of a poverty- alleviation strategy, such as improved opportunity structures and empowerment of families.

**Speaker Details:**

Dr. Neil Boothby is a Professor and Director of the Global Center for the Development of the Whole Child at the University of Notre Dame. Prior to joining Notre Dame, he served as a senior representative of UNICEF, UNHCR, and Save the Children working in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Europe. He has published extensively on children in adversity and is also the recipient of several awards for his fieldwork, including the Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year Award for his work with child soldiers, and the United Nation's Golden Achievement Award for excellence in social sector activities.

Kindly note there is NO PARTICIPATION FEE. However, registration is mandatory. Please register yourself for the Talk at the IMC website <https://www.imcnet.org/events-1751>. Should you have any query regarding this event, please write to Ms. Suzanne Soans at suzanne.soans@imcnet.org or Ms. Anita Naik at anita.naik@imcnet.org.

We do hope you will seize this opportunity and participate in this event.

With regards,

**Ajit Mangrulkar**

**Director General**