

activities of SIEMA and our member units, to include in his study on problems and growth prospects of the Industries in and around Coimbatore.

Meeting on SEZ:

Sri Manish Jha, Executive, Feedback Consulting, Bangalore met our President Sri Jayakumar Ramdass on 11th December 2008 at our Association and discussed about setting up of SEZ at Coimbatore.

Meeting on fixation of SIEMA Price Index for Pumpsets:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President, Sri T. Narendran, General Manager – Finance, Aqua Sub Engineering and Sri Ramasubramania Raja, President, Arya Vaidya Pharmacy, Coimbatore met on 12th December 2008 at our Association and discussed about fixing up of SIEMA Price Index for Pumpsets.

Meeting with the Project Director, EDP Cell, KCT:

Sri C.R. Elangovan, Project Officer, Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore met our President Sri Jayakumar Ramdass on 12th December 2008 and discussed about the activities of SIEMA, SiTarc and COINDIA to include in a book to be published about Coimbatore shortly.

Meeting of KURAL:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President attended a meeting on, “The Current Power Crisis and the Road Ahead” by Sri D. Kumaravelu, Chief Engineer (Retd), Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Advisory Committee member, TNERC

organized by KURAL – the Voice of Coimbatore on 12th December 2008 at our Association.

Industry Partnership Meet:

Sri K.V. Ganapathi, Past Vice-President addressed the participants during the “Karpagam University – Industry Partnership Meet” organized by Karpagam University, Coimbatore on 15th December 2008 at COINDIA complex. Sri R.R. Ranghanathen, Vice-President attended the meet.

Technical Committee

The Technical Committee met on 15th December 2008 and discussed about a paper on “Energy Conservation in Foundry and Engineering Units” presented by Sri Prasanto Pal, Senior Fellow, TERI, New Delhi at our Association.

Governing Council Meeting of IIF

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President attended the Governing Council Meeting of Institute of Indian Foundrymen, Coimbatore Chapter on 15th December 2008 at Jenneys Club.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Seventh Managing Committee meeting of SIEMA will be held on Wednesday the 17th December 2008 at our Association.

SIEMA & Chamber is jointly organising a presentation on, “India's Free Trade Agreements – How the Industry can benefit out of it?” by Sri C. Rajendiran, I.R.S., Commissioner of Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax on 22nd December 2008 at Chamber Towers, Avanashi Road, Coimbatore.



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Discussion on Lean Manufacturing:

S. Durai Rajan, Director, Kanzen Institute - Asia-Pacific, Chennai met Sri T.C. Thiagarajan, Vice-President, Dr. G. Ranganathan, Sri K.K. Rajan, Managing Committee Members and Dr. Madhu Ganesh and Sri Bhuvaneshwaran, Special invitees on 1st November 2008 at our Association and discussed about the implementation of Lean Manufacturing under NMC Project of Ministry of Micro Small, and Medium Enterprises, Government of India.

Technical Committee:

The Technical Committee meeting was held on 1st December 2008 at our Association to discuss about Draft Amendment on IS 325:1996 received from BIS, New Delhi.

Press Meet at Chamber

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass attended a press meet on 2nd December 2008 jointly organised by SIEMA, CHAMBER, CODISSIA, SIMA, Siruthuli, Karam & Kural and briefed about the meeting to pay homage on 6th December 2008 at PSG Tech. Quadrangle to the soldiers and

public who lost their lives in the recent terrorist attack in Mumbai.

Meeting on fixing-up of SIEMA Price Index for Pumpsets:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President, Sri R.R. Ranghanathen and Sri T.C. Thiagarajan, Vice-Presidents met A Ramasubramania Raja, President, Arya Vaidya Pharmacy and Cost Accountant on 2nd December 2008 and discussed about basic requirements for fixing of SIEMA Price Index for Pumpsets.

Foundry Conclave 2008:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President and Sri G. Rajendran, President, COINDIA attended the inauguration of Foundry Conclave 2008 on 4th December 2008 organized by Confederation of Indian Industry, Coimbatore.

Special Technical Committee Meeting on BEE:

A special Technical Committee was held on 4th November 2008 at our Association to discuss about the points/ suggestions to be submitted to Bureau of Energy Efficiency on star rating for pumpsets under S & L Programme.



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Meeting of Institutional Ethics Committee:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass attended the Institutional Ethics Committee meeting of G. Kuppusamy Naidu Memorial Hospital(GKNM) on 4th December 2008 at Hospital premises and discussed about the proposals received from Principal Investigators on the trials done by them.

Meeting at CHAMBER:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President attended a joint meeting of Office-bearers of CHAMBER, SIMA, CODISSIA, Siruthuli and Kural on 4th December 2008 and discussed about the arrangements to be made for the meeting to pay tributes to the Soldiers during the recent terrorist attack in Mumbai.

Presentation by TERI

A presentation on, "Energy Efficiency Improvement in Engineering Sector" Sri Prashanto Pal, Senior Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute [TERI], New Delhi was jointly organized by SIEMA & CII on 4th December 2008 at our Association.

Meeting with delegates from UK:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President met a four member delegation from Centre for Local Economic Strategies, Manchester, U.K., led by Sri Neil McInroy, Chief Executive on 5th December 2008 at Chamber towers and discussed about the economic strategies to overcome recession in textile, engineering and foundry industry.

Core Committee Meeting:

The Core Committee meeting on Vision & Mission for SIEMA was held on 6th December 2008 at our Association

and discussed about drafting a Mission statement for SIEMA. Sri V. Lakshminarayananasamy, Convenor, Sri R.R. Ranghanathen, Vice-President, Sri Singha Rai, Co-convenor, Sri V. Krishnakumar, President, IPMA attended the meeting.

Homage to Heroes of Mumbai Terrorist attack:

SIEMA, Chamber, CODISSIA, SIMA, IIF, Kural, RAAC, SIRUTHULI and Karam jointly organized a meeting on 7th December 2008 at PSG College of Technology to pay tributes to the soldiers and public who laid their lives during the recent terrorist attack in Mumbai. Nearly 4000 people participated in the meeting and lit candles in memory of the soldiers and police officials.

Interview by Naanayam Vikadan:

Sri Kumar, Chief Reporting Editor, Naanayam Vikadan, Chennai interviewed our President Sri Jayakumar Ramdass on 8th December 2008 at our Association about the present scenario of pump industry.

Meeting with ISI Director

Dr. G. Ranganathan, Convenor, Dr. Madhu Ganesh and Sri Mathew Kurian, Head – ELGI Business Systems, Elgi Equipments and Sri Bhuvaneshwaran, Perfect Engineers met Dr. Rajagopalan, Head, Indian Statistical Institute, Coimbatore on 8th December 2008 at our Association and discussed about a project on Lean Implementation under NMCP of MSME, Government of India.

Technical Committee

Technical Committee meeting was held on 8th December 2008 to discuss about a paper on, "Inverter grade LT AC Induction

Motors for operation with IGBT Transistor based Variable Speed Drive applications" presented by Sri Varadarajan, M.N. Dastur & Company P Ltd., Chennai during the seminar on Electrical Rotating Machines held on 28th November 2008 at Coimbatore.

Governing Council Meeting of Chamber:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President, Sri R.R. Ranghanathen and Sri V. Lakshminarayananasamy, Vice-Presidents attended the Governing Council meeting of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry Coimbatore on 8th December 2008 at Chamber towers.

Executive Committee Meeting of IPMA:

Sri G. Rajendran, Past President attended the Executive Committee meeting of Indian Pump Manufacturers' Association (IPMA) on 9th December 2008 at Mumbai.

RAC and Public Grievance Committee meetings of Central Excise:

Sri V. Lakshminarayananasamy, Vice-President attended the Regional Advisory and Public Grievance Committee Meetings of Central Excise, Coimbatore on 10th December 2008 at Excise Commissionerate and represented some of the grievances of our member units on Service Tax.

Meeting with Secretary, SID, Government of Tamil Nadu:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President and Sri G. Rajendran, President, COINDIA met Sri P. Selvam, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Small Industries

Department, Government of Tamil Nadu on 10th December 2008 at his office and discussed about the state of small industries and activities of COINDIA.

Meeting with Dy. Director, Directorate of Industries & Commerce:

Sri G. Rajendran, Past President met Sri M.S.S. Ravi, Deputy Director – Mechanical, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai on 10th December 2008 at his office and discussed about the activities of SIEMA & COINDIA.

Meeting with the representative of the CRISIL:

Sri Balaraman N. Rathinavel, Executive Training - Ratings, CRISIL, Chennai met Sri T.C. Thiagarajan, Vice-President on 11th December 2008 and discussed about conducting of Executive Training programmes for the benefit of our member industries.

Discussion on ERP:

Sri R. Ravichandran, Associate Vice-President, Sales, Sri P.V. Ragnath, Sales Manager and Sri R.P. Philip, Executive – Sales, Mascon Global Ltd., Chennai met our President Sri Jayakumar Ramdass on 11th December 2008 at our Association and discussed about giving a presentation about their products particularly on ERP to our members during the month of January 2008.

Meeting with Asst. Prof., Madras School of Economics, Chennai:

Prof. Jayan Jose Thomas, Assistant Professor, Madras School of Economics, Chennai met our President Sri Jayakumar Ramdass on 11th December 2008 at our Association and discussed about the