



U.S. - India Importers' Council



“Mumbai Cuffe Parade Metro Site Visit” for US Consul General Mr. Edgard Kagan

U.S.-India Importers' Council (USIIC) in association with Robbins Tunneling and Trenchless Technology (I) Pvt. Ltd., MMRC (Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.), and L&T Construction (Larsen & Toubro) organised the “Mumbai Cuffe Parade Metro Site Visit” for Consul General Mr. Edgard Kagan, American Consulate General, Mumbai on Thursday, 28th February 2019.

USIIC Board of Directors and Corporate Members along with Representatives from MMRC, L&T and Robbins welcomed the entourage from the US Consulate led by Consul General Mr. Edgard Kagan at Hotel Vivanta President Mumbai.



Mr. Robin Rosario, USIIC Secretary General welcomed the august gathering.

Mr. SK Gupta, MMRC Director Projects addressed the gathering and thru his crisp presentation updated us on the Metro Line 3 i.e. Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ, one of the marquee projects of the city.

Key Highlights of the presentation:

- The 33.5 km long corridor will connect six business districts, 30 educational institutes, 30 recreational facilities, the domestic & international airport terminals.
- There are 27 stations (26 Underground+1 at grade) in Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ corridor
- The estimated cost of the project is around Rs. 23,136 Cr.
- The project is partially funded by JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) through a soft loan of Rs. 13,235 Cr. Rest of the funding is done by GoI, GoM & others
- Project involves construction of tunnels and underground stations. This is a very challenging task and will be accomplished by deploying technologies such as tunneling by Tunnel Boring Machines(TBMs) and stations by methods of Cut and Cover or by NATM or by a combination of these two.
- The introduction of Metro will reduce the number of cars on road, thus reducing our fuel requirement by 2.4 lakh liters/day. The carbon benefit is 2.61 lakh metric tonne/year.

US Consul General Mr. Edgard D. Kagan addressed the gathering and appreciated the professional approach being adopted in the project implementation. He also touched upon the long association America shares with Mumbai.

The visit to the underground metro site and seeing the functioning of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) supplied by US based The Robbins Company was a phenomenal experience. The Metro Site Visit was another success story for USIIC. This event was the culmination of the 2014 "[Tech Infra Projects Meet](#)" by USIIC & The Robbins Company, U.S.A. in association with U.S. Commercial Service to bring the various stakeholders together.

