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**International Conference on
Frontiers of Infrastructure
Finance**

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INTRODUCTION

Sustainable economic growth is one of the principal objectives of the developing world. The major precondition for attaining this goal, however, is the availability of infrastructure in the economy, both in passable quantity and quality. Infrastructure is considered as the wheel, if not the engine of development. The deficiency of infrastructure will certainly hamper sustainable economic growth. In most of the developing countries including India, the status of infrastructure is low as compared to the need of the respective countries. While the demand for infrastructure is growing at a much faster rate, supply is more or less stagnant. This is mostly due to the rapid urbanization and globalization taking place across the world.

The major hurdle for closing this demand and supply gap is the non-availability of finance for infrastructure creation. Despite the large number of projects that are either in progress or in the pipeline, India is continuously challenged to cope with an increasing demand for infrastructure services. The government has put together an ambitious plan to upgrade and expand infrastructure with special focus on urban infrastructure, particularly transportation, power, water, etc. Within this context the private sector is expected to provide the necessary investment through privatization and PPP schemes. The development of this sector is anticipated to stimulate economic

growth, create jobs, diversify economy and improve the quality of life in the country.

The aim of this International Conference on 'Frontiers of Infrastructure Finance' is to bring together different stakeholders from various parts of the world to a single platform to exchange views and share knowledge so as to build a road map for infrastructure creation and its management.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The objective of this conference is to present a platform for academicians, researchers, engineers, business analysts, financial analysts, statisticians, econometricians, economists, corporates, industry professionals and policy makers to deliberate, debate and work out the strategy for infrastructure financing and its creation.

BROAD THEMES

Section A: Financial Infrastructure

Financial Markets and Capital Markets
Forecasting Volatility
PPP Model
Financial Modelling
Financial and Contractual Design
Infrastructure Leasing
Islamic Finance
Financial Derivatives
Options and Future Markets
SWAPS
Financial Inclusion

Taxation and Subsidy

Section B: Social Infrastructure

Water Sector Finance
Housing Finance
Education and Health
Social Capital and Social Media
PDS and Others

Section C: Transport Infrastructure

Aviation Sector
Roads and Railways
Inland Waterways and Ports
Telecommunication
Satellite and Internet

Section D: Energy Infrastructure

Power Generation
Power Distribution and Consumption
Power Equipment and Others
Coal, Oil and Natural Gas
Regulation of the Power Sector
Renewable Energy

Section E: International Finance

International Financial Opportunities
Synthetic Finance
Foreign Exchange Market
FDI and FII
Special Purpose Vehicle
Global Financial Crisis
Portfolio Management
Valuation of Intangible Assets
Valuation of Techniques for M & A
Valuation of Hedge Funds
IPO Valuation
Credit Assessment
Applied Financial Econometrics

Section F: Strategy for Infra Finance

Private Company Valuation

Intellectual Property Rights

Budgetary Financing

Debt and Equity Financing

Public Private Partnerships

Third Party Financing

Project Financing

Contractor Financing

Customer Financing

Credit Enhancement

Investment and Trading

Section G: Project Finance

Islamic Project Finance

Power and Desalination Projects

Cost Recovery Challenges and Subsidies

Risk Management

Special Purpose Vehicle

Project procurement and Appraisal

Market Microstructure

Risk Hedging Techniques

Corporate Finance and Governance

Section H: Micro Finance

Urban Micro Finance

Social Performance

Responsive Micro Finance

Micro Finance Institutions

Investment Opportunities

SHG Bank Linkage Programme

Micro Insurance

Financial Literacy

Technology in Microfinance

Section I: Infra Policy and Other Issues

Public Policy Issues

Urbanization and Urban Development

Good Governance

Special Economic Zones

Prudential Regulation and Super Visions

Legal Issues of Infrastructure Financing

Socio- Economic Policies

Industrial Policies and Business Policies

Other related Policies

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Participation in the conference will enormously benefit academicians, corporate analysts and consultants, economists, statisticians, engineers, policy makers, trade and business observers, young researchers, and persons in media & public life who are dealing with aspects and issues related to the themes of this conference. Research papers and cases based on research, experience, or promising ideas focusing on any of the stated objectives and themes of the conference are invited. The papers will be selected on the basis of their potential to contribute towards infrastructure development and financing. All papers will be assessed by a panel of experts.

Interested participants may please submit the full paper by IEEE format (see in attachment) on or before **August 20, 2014**. The paper should be in MS Word (Word 2003 and above) format with double space, Times Roman font and font size 12 on single side of the paper. The paper should have an abstract of not more than 200 words and the full paper should be within 5000 words including tables and figures. Each paper

should contain a title page specifying the title of the paper, full name, affiliation, telephone/ fax number and the e-mail address of the authors.

The papers must be sent via e-mail to rudrap@vgsom.iitkgp.ernet.in & pradhanrp@gmail.com

Authors of all papers accepted for the conference will be required to give copyright declaration in the format to be supplied later. The selected papers will either be published in a special issue of an Econ Lit- indexed journal or in an edited volume by a reputed publisher. Detailed information about the submission guidelines can be found at the following link:

http://www.iitkgp.ac.in/downloads/sm_icfif_2014.pdf

Please note that only the papers of the authors who complete the registration process by **September 15, 2014** will be considered for publication.

REVIEW CRITERIA

The paper/ abstract must give a clear indication of the objective, methodology, major results, implications, and key references. All abstracts will be blind reviewed and only those abstracts approved by the reviewers will be selected. At least one of the authors will be required to register and attend the conference to present the paper. The criteria for evaluation by the reviewers are as follows:

Relevance:

Does the subject of the paper appeal to the interest of the conference attendees?

Methodology:

Does the paper use appropriate method (s)?

Originality:

Does the paper add new findings, insights, or knowledge to the body of literature?

Research:

Does the paper compare and weigh the material against the work of others?

Conclusions:

Are the conclusions are sound and justified as per the problem discussion?

Policy/ Managerial Implications:

Are the policy implications relevant and useful for the problem demonstrated?

BEST PAPER AWARD:

All submissions will be considered for two best paper awards. The winners will be given citations at the conference and their full registration fee will be refunded.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Deadline of Paper Submission: **August 20, 2014**

Acceptance of Paper: **August 31, 2014**

Registration Deadline: **September 15, 2014**

Note:

Letter of invitation/ acceptance letter can be used for obtaining grants or VISA, will be sent on request.

REGISTRATION FEE

For National Participants:

Corporate and Industry Professionals

Rs. 5000/-

Academicians

Rs. 4000/-

Students

Rs. 2500/-

For International Participants:

Corporate and Industry Professionals

USD 450

Academicians

USD 300

Students

USD 150

Note: For international participants, travel between Kolkata airport and IIT Kharagpur campus will be arranged by the organizer.

Registration fee (non refundable) includes conference materials, refreshments, lunch and dinner on conference days. Registration fee for accompanying spouse is Rs. 2000/- for Indian delegates and USD 150 for foreign delegates. The spouses will be entitled to all conference facilities except conference kit. Please note that registration fee does not include accommodation. However, we will arrange nominal accommodation to all registered participants. The details of accommodation are given below.

ACCOMMODATION

(Per day charge):

For National Participants:

Single Room AC Accommodation in TGH

Rs. 1200/- per person

Twin Sharing AC Accommodation in TGH

Rs. 800/- per person

Single Room AC Accommodation in AMH

(First come first serve)

Rs. 400/- per person

Twin Sharing AC Accommodation in VGH

(First come first serve)

Rs. 300/- per person

Single Room Non AC Accommodation in

VGH (First come first serve)

Rs. 200/- per person

Sharing Hostel Non AC Accommodation

Rs. 150/- per person

For International Participants:

Single Room AC Accommodation in TGH

Rs. 1200/- per person

Twin Sharing AC Accommodation in TGH

Rs. 800/- per person

Note: We will book accommodation as per the request of delegates. However, you have to settle the bill at the corresponding guest house during the conference time. Please note that no accommodation booking will be entertained after September 15, 2014.

MODE OF PAYMENTS

Payments can be made through electronic fund transfer. For this, the bank details are as follows:

Account Name: CEP-STC, IIT Kharagpur

Account Number: 95562200002955

Bank Name: SYNDICATE BANK

Bank Branch Name:

SRIC, IIT KHARAGPUR

Branch Code: 9556

IFS Code: **SYNB0009556**

Swift Code: **SYN BIN BB 120**

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302, PASCHIM MIDINIPUR DIST.
(WEST BENGAL), INDIA

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Payments can be made through crossed demand draft drawn in favour of "**CEP-STC, IIT Kharagpur**", payable at State Bank of India, IIT Kharagpur (Bank Code: 0202) and sent to the convenor of the conference.

Note: We prefer electronic money transfer. Please submit a copy of money transfer record with details of bank name, amount, transaction number and date. The bank proof must be attached with registration form.

CERTIFICATE

Certificate will be issued to each participant from the Office of Dean (CE), Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India.

CONFERENCE CONVENORS

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