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### **University of the District of Columbia to Host "India-USA Economic Relations: A Two-Way Street"**

*Washington, D.C.* – Today in the streets of America, many citizens may hold the view that scores of their jobs are migrating to India where labor costs are cheap. This trend – be it true or false – is the focus of an upcoming discussion at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). The only public university in the nation's capital is hosting "India-USA Economic Relations: A Two-Way Street," an Open Forum to examine economic relations between the United States and India. Additionally, panelists will explore the opportunities, both for Indians and Americans that may grow from the recent agreement President George W. Bush signed with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The agreement covers trade, energy security, a clean environment, innovation, knowledge economy, global safety and security, deepening democracy and meeting international challenges for both world powers.

The overall growth rate of Indian immigrants to the United States from 1990-2000 was more than 105%. Thousands of Indian graduates from the Indian Technological Institutes

migrated to America and have been contributing to the technological revolution that has been occurring in America over the last two decades.

The University has assembled a prestigious group to spearhead these discussions. Panelists include His Excellency Ronen Sen, Ambassador of India, the Honorable Aneesh Paul Chopra, Secretary of Technology for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Raj Dwivedy, Chief Economist for Services with the U.S. Department of Commerce, and Gerald L. Gordon, President/CEO-Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. Other panelists include business executives and economists well-versed in economic relations between India and the United States. The panel discussion will be followed by a question and answer period, affording guests the opportunity to interact with the panelists.

The forum will be held on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Windows Lounge, Building 38, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor on the UDC campus at 4200 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington. The campus is easily accessible on Metro's Red Line, Van Ness/UDC station. Individuals interested in attending or seeking additional information should contact Dr. Sandra Lawson at (202) 274-6272 or [slawson@udc.edu](mailto:slawson@udc.edu); Mr. Paul Tennessee at (202) 274-6277 or [ptennessee@udc.edu](mailto:ptennessee@udc.edu); or Ms. Perita Baxter at (202) 274-6246 or [pbaxter@udc.edu](mailto:pbaxter@udc.edu).

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**NOTICE TO MEDIA: Media are welcome to observe this discussion. They are asked, however, to arrive not later than 5:30 to avoid disrupting the discussion. Please contact Mike Andrews, Senior Director for Communications at (202) 274-5685.**