

Global business summit draws big names

It highlights the roles India and China will play in the global economy

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INDIAN businessmen from around the world converged on the Raffles City Convention Centre on Nov 11 to build connections and unlock opportunities at the Global Diaspora Business Summit organised by the Global Indian Business Network (GIBN).

The annual event was held in conjunction with the Global Entrepolis Singapore by the Singapore Economic Development Board and Singapore Business Federation which had Mrs Lim Hwee Hua, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and Transport as guest of honour.

The summit brought together members of the Chinese and Indian diaspora to share their expertise in a series of

talks, discussions and networking sessions. Speakers included YCH Group chairman and CEO Robert Yap, Indochine Group CEO Michael Ma, Global Indian Foundation and Global Indian International Schools chairman Atul Temurnikar, Belliss USA CEO Ashish Kumar and Singapore-born Chitra Stern, owner-developer of the Martinhal Beach Resort and Hotel in Portugal.

GIBN chairman George Abraham told tabla! that the summit was significant for the Chinese and Indian business diaspora in the region.

"For the next 10 to 20 years, the two economies that are really going to be important is China and India and the diaspora can play a crucial part. We need to provide global opportunities for them with summits like these so they can meet, network and hopefully come together to develop mutually beneficial ventures."



Talking business... Mrs Lim Hwee Hua (centre) meeting with delegates at the summit.

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