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## TODAY AT CMC

### APRIL 2

Benchmarking Central Ohio:  
**Economic Strength**  
(First in a series of three Benchmarking Forums)

Moderated by:  
**Bob Milbourne**, President & CEO, The Columbus Partnership

Panel includes:  
**Roberta Garber**, Executive Director, Community Research Partners  
**Boyce Safford III**, Director, Columbus Department of Development  
**Mark Barbash**, Chief Economic Officer, State of Ohio

## Upcoming Conversations

### APRIL 16

To be Announced

### APRIL 23

To be Announced

### APRIL 30

Chase Excellence  
in Leadership Series:

## A Conversation with Dennison Griffith

**Dennison Griffith**,  
President, Columbus  
College of Art and  
Design  
Interview by **Gail  
Hogan**, Host,  
Showcase Columbus

Series underwriting  
provided by:  
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partnership with:  
**Leadership Columbus**



*Dennison Griffith*

### MAY 7

## Creating a Portfolio of High-Performing Schools

Moderated By:  
**Abigail Wexner**, Board  
Chair, KidsOhio.org

Panel:  
**David Ferrero**, Senior  
Education Officer, The  
Bill and Melinda  
Gates Foundation  
**Josh Edelman**,  
Director of New  
Schools,  
Chicago Public  
Schools

This event is held at Hyatt Regency,  
Franklin Ballroom



*Abigail Wexner*

### MAY 21

Fueling Ohio's Future:

## America's Energy Security

**John Felmy**, Ph.D.,  
Chief Economist,  
American Petroleum  
Institute

Program presented in  
Partnership with:  
**OSU Institute for  
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Environment**  
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*John Felmy*

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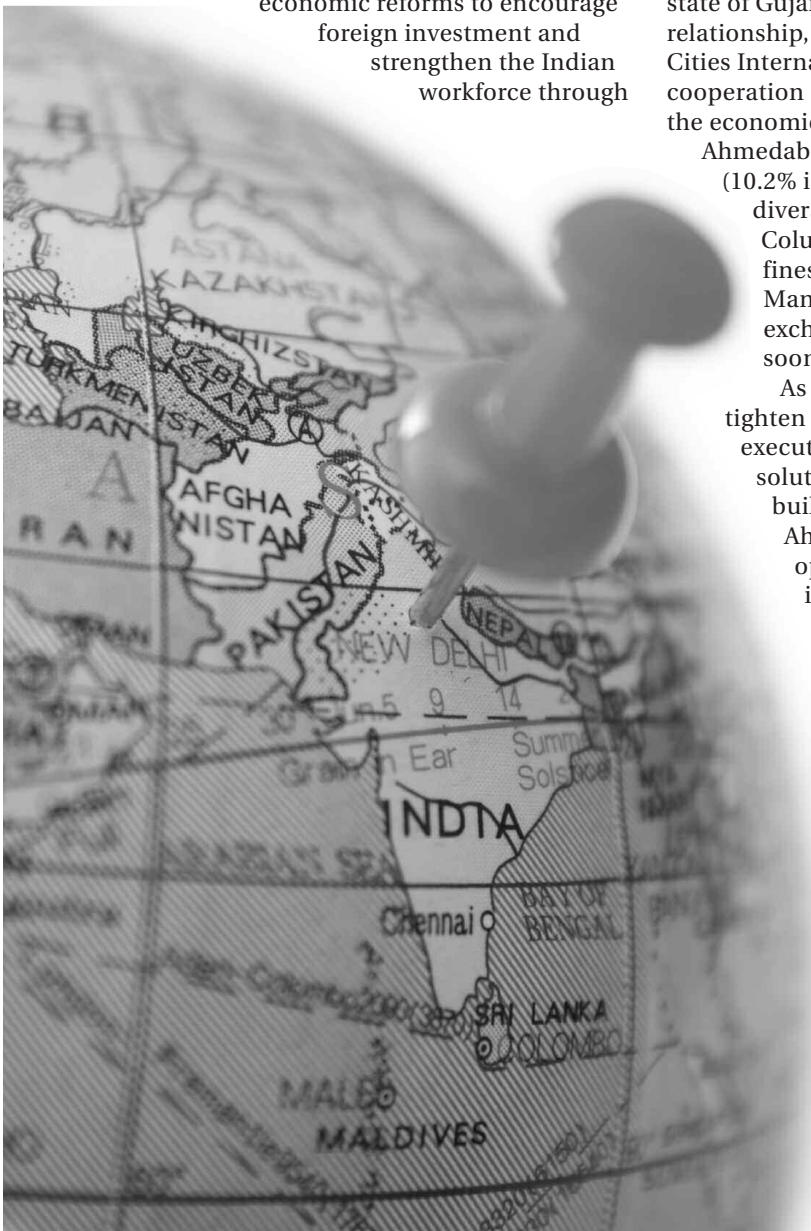
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through community conversation.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008

## Special Tuesday Forum

# The ABCs of Doing Business in India

Only two decades ago, India was mired in slow economic growth and fighting to overcome an infrastructure that was lacking in many key areas. While the country as a whole continues to work hard to overcome these issues, government and business leaders at a local and regional level have focused on economic reforms to encourage foreign investment and strengthen the Indian workforce through



education and training.

As a result, India has emerged as one of the world's fastest growing economies and continues to dominate foreign investment as world businesses fight to remain cost competitive and lower expenses.

Columbus' newest sister city, Ahmedabad in the state of Gujarat, is a microcosm of this revolution. The relationship, which was established by Columbus Sister Cities International, is meant to build global cooperation and offer citizens of both cities access to the economic and cultural opportunities of one other.

Ahmedabad has seen explosive population growth (10.2% in 2007) and, like Columbus, is home to a diverse, highly-educated population. Also like Columbus, the city boasts one of the world's finest business schools, the India Institute of Management, which has developed extensive exchange programs with MIT, Harvard and soon with our own Ohio State University.

As corporations in Central Ohio continue to tighten their budgets, it is important for executives and managers to look for creative solutions for minimizing costs. Relationships built with common-cause cities like Ahmedabad offer mutually beneficial opportunities for economic growth and investment.

Tuesday's panel discussion will be moderated by **Ed Fisher**, Executive Director of **Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc.** and feature panelists who have experience working in and with corporations in India. The lunch discussion will focus on the basic strategies of doing business in India including an overview of Ahmedabad, growth opportunities in the state of Gujarat, a discussion of Visas and business resources available and a profile of Leibert, Inc and their success in India.

For those interested, a more in-depth discussion will take place from 1:45 to 2:40 and is offered free of charge for all attendees. This presentation is a must for anyone interested in, or currently developing an Indo-American business relationship.

RECAP - MARCH 26

## Celebrating Globalization!

### 65 Years of International Studies at The Ohio State University

An impressive panel moderated by Dr. Jacqueline Jones Royster, Executive Dean and Vice Provost of the College of Arts and Sciences at The Ohio State University evaluated the developing global economy and the opportunities for Central Ohio, as well as the role of Ohio State's International Studies Program.

The program was presented in partnership with the Columbus Council on World Affairs.

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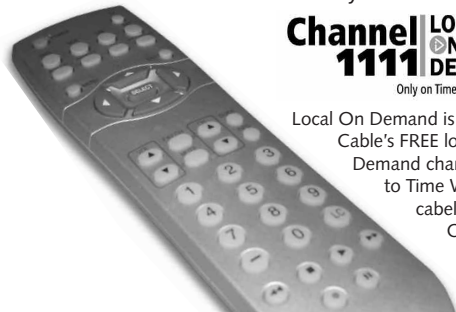
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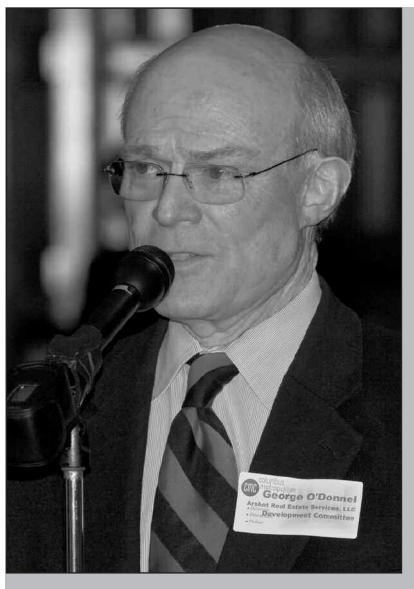
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*Panelist Michael Jaung discusses the limitless  
opportunity offered by Ohio State's International  
Studies program*



*Clockwise from bottom left: CMC President Dr. Shah Hasan; Timothy Degitz, Chair of the  
Board of Trustees for Columbus Council of World Affairs; panelists Matthew Colopy, Michael  
Jaung, Jack Pounds and Dr. Lesley Ferris; and Moderator Dr. Jacqueline Jones Royster*



*CMC Member George O'Donnel asks a  
question of the panel*

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