

## Dr Bhupendra Kumar Modi Chairman, Smart Global

Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Modi has always shunned conformity in order to embrace the future. As a "Futurepreneur", he has always lived and worked on the principal philosophy of challenging conventional wisdom.

With nearly 4 decades of business leadership behind him, Dr. Modi has consistently spearheaded the conglomerate's successful alliances with multinational corporations and category leaders like Xerox, Alcatel, Telstra, Olivetti, Lithographic Systems and International Paper, Telekom Malaysia and Mediatek. He is the key technology and business architect in conceptualizing, creating, developing and globalizing the Smart brand.

He pre-empted recent revolutions in office automation, internet infrastructure, wireless telephony and specialty retailing. With strategic investments and smart acquisitions in mobility, finance, entertainment and healthcare spaces, the future-preneur has been redefining the art of investment sense. He has always handpicked investments and created value for all stakeholders. "I am driven by the motivation of creating value for all stakeholders through innovation and smart investments." he says.

Under his leadership, Smart Global has expanded its presence in New York, London, ASEAN region, parts of Africa and China apart from India. Its i2i strategy is aimed at establishing presence in over 20 countries -- from the Ivory Coast to Indonesia – with headquarters in Singapore.

Dr Modi is a chemical engineer and holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of South California. He has also been conferred doctorates in financial management and industrial management.

As a global citizen with 14 residences around the world, Dr Modi ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Forbes list of Singapore's richest. Dr Modi is a founder member of Asia Business Council and chairman of Asia Crime Prevention Foundation's India chapter. He was given a commendation by the US Congress for his outstanding contribution to humanistic causes.

Apart from creating excellence in business, he has made commendable efforts to promote Global Citizenship. He has held wide ranging talks with leaders of all sections of society across the world. He has authored many books that portray his deep understanding of the world and humanity. They include *One God*, *Hinduism* – *The Universal Truth*, *Performance* – *A Manager's Challenge* and *Whispers of Peace*.