ASIE leaders attended ICC leadership conference

ASIE leaders attended the Annual Leadership conference hosted by India Culture Centre (ICC) in association with other Indo American associations aimed at bringing a paradigm shift in developing leadership. Centered on the theme ‘Developing Leadership’, Leader’s Conference 2015 witnessed a full house on Saturday, July 11, at the India House. Without the vision, best of the causes are lost. With a mission to foster and accelerate the smoother coordination between Indo American organizations and individuals of Indian origin, ICC hosts Leadership conferences every year to instill the need of visionary leaders in all spheres of life, including non-profits.

There were three speakers for the conference. Our own past President of ASIE, Sanjay Ram was one of the speaker. He has 20 years of experience in providing engineering, management and master planning services to the Industrial and Governmental market segments. Having been the Principal-In-Charge of a $1 billion global consulting firm, where he managed an Infrastructure Business Practice across multiple states. He was honored as one of the 2012 Ten Outstanding Young Americans by the United States Junior Chamber. He spoke emphatically on ‘Servant Leadership’. Peppered his talk with quotes from famous personalities, he said ‘An essential part of the American dream is Civic engagement’. It is crucial to have inclusive growth strategy and implementation to ensure global development. Few ice breaking exercises were done to create an inclusive environment. He quoted a quote from Max De Pree – ‘The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say Thank You. In between the leader is a servant’.

Second, speaker was Parul Fernandes, a Higher Education Consultant with XPAN International, ex- Director of International Studies, University of Houston. Parul highlighted on the seven effective habits essential for developing the leadership skills.

The final speaker of the highly engaging conference was Pinakin Jaradi who has worked in Shell and Chevron oil & gas companies for 30+ years in the positions of senior integration consultant, advisor, business manager, and project manager. “Emotional Intelligence separates the star and the average leader by more than 90% at the higher level of leadership. Self-awareness, Self-control, Self-motivation, empathy and social skill formed the basics of Emotional Intelligence”, said Pinakin while explaining the importance of the Emotional intelligence in leadership. The good news was that Emotional Intelligence would be cultivated by appropriate training and conditioning.

ASIE members and leaders who attended the conference include Raj Basavaraju, Dinesh Shah, Showri Nandagiri, Hasmukh Doshi, Poolkeshi Patel, Vishal Merchant, Naresh Kolli, Madhu Kilambi, Sai Gowthami Asam, Sekhar Ambadapudi, Ravi Arora, Ram Gupta, Ben Bansal and Mahesh Wadhwa. They all indeed took with them the umpteen pearls of wisdom freely distributed through the medium of leadership conference, one was left wondering on how the world would change if each one practiced these leadership traits.

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