

## TERI's strengths and resolve towards excellence

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TERI receives a number of distinguished visitors round the year, and we generally request them to sign our visitors' book. I always treat their comments as personal even though they are undoubtedly available for anyone in TERI to read. However, these generally remain confined to our visitors' book.

As a departure from this practice, I do want to make public, at least for the information of TERI colleagues, the comments provided by Mr Ranjan Mathai, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in whose honour we had hosted a reception on the evening of March the 15th. These are Mr Mathai's comments as written in his own hand on our visitors' book:

*"It is a great honour for me to be here and to spend some time with the builders of an institution that has placed India on the map of the worlds' energy related think tanks. And not just energy! Your impressive work across a wide range of disciplines of critical importance to humanity has done the nation proud. The Ministry of External Affairs is happy and grateful to be associated with TERI"*

I believe these comments have an unusually relevant timing. The silly season of politics in this country gives rise to a great deal of cynicism and despair. But, as I travel round the world I feel we have much to be proud of as Indians and citizens of this great country. Even more, I think we have much to be proud of as far as TERI is concerned. Comments like Mr Ranjan Mathai's should spur us to do better and to see that our institution is looked up to by the whole world as an organisation that not only India but humanity can be proud of. So let us close our eyes for a minute and reflect on our strengths and resolve that together we will remove our weaknesses with determination, hard work and vision, so that as an organisation and as individuals we rapidly move towards excellence.