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"Different members of World Trade Centers Association offer different kinds of services. Some World Trade Centers conduct trade promotion events, while some others offer real estate services along with trade promotion. World Trade Centers Association will understand the requirement of each member and provide them the required support for better growth of business opportunities", Mr. Ferguson added.

Speaking about World Trade Centers in India, Mr. Fergusson said, "I am excited about the potential growth opportunity for licensees in India and the best practices employed by World Trade Centre Mumbai."

In his remarks, **Mr. Scott Wang, Vice President, Asia Pacific, WTCA, New York** said, "This meeting is a great chance to receive feedback about member engagement from World Trade Centre Mumbai. We can address the issues raised during the meeting and improve the services of World Trade Centers Association. We are excited about the best practices of World Trade Centre Mumbai and we wish to promote the same among other centres,"

In his welcome address, **Mr. Vijay Kalantri, Vice Chairman, World Trade Centre Mumbai and Board Director, WTCA New York** said, "World Trade Centre Mumbai is the first Indian member of World Trade Centers Association. The objective of World Trade Centre Mumbai is to grow international trade by connecting Indian companies with their potential partners in other countries. Indian economy has tremendous growth potential with the launch of Government of India's Make in India, Digital India, Skill India and other flagship programmes."

Mr. Kalantri also suggested that WTCA must offer incentives to World Trade Centers to increase the number of members in their countries or regions. He said WTCA must aim to increase the total number of members to 500 in the near future.

**Capt. SomeshBatra, Vice Chairman, WTC Mumbai**, while addressing the meeting, informed about the trade promotion, trade research, trade education and trade facility services offered by the centre. He mentioned that WTC Mumbai receives around 75 trade missions annually and offers venue to conduct around 60 exhibitions annually. The centre also conducts various trade education programmes and publishes research studies.

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## India-Georgia Working Closely on Proposed Free Trade Agreement

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**MUMBAI:** "Government of Georgia has signed an air service agreement with the Indian Ministry of Civil Aviation to connect six Indian cities with the country. Soon, we would meet Indian airline companies to launch flight services between both the countries," said **H.E. Mr. Archil Dzuliashvili, Ambassador of Georgia to India** during a meeting with All India Association of Industries and World Trade Centre Mumbai.

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Indian companies can invest in Georgia and make it a gateway for their entry into European Union. Georgia is located at the crossroads of Western Asia and Eastern Europe. It is establishing Rail / Road connectivity with Bulgaria, Romania and other neighbouring countries in the Black Sea. Countries in the Black Sea region are emerging destination for trade and investment to make Georgia, an International Trading hub.

Earlier in his opening remarks, **Mr. Vijay Kalantri, President, All India Association of Industries and Vice Chairman, World Trade Centre Mumbai** said, "Currently, the annual bilateral trade between India and Georgia stand at USD 107 million and I expect it to grow higher and faster in the next five years. In order to enhance the trade ties between both the countries, World Trade Centre Mumbai would lead a 30-member business delegation representing sectors such as food processing, pharmaceuticals, hospitality, real estate, solar energy, tourism, healthcare, shipping and logistics, tea and entertainment to Georgia in September 2017."

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## Georgia to connect six Indian cities with flights



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Archil Dzuliashvili (facebook)

Georgia will soon launch flights to six Indian cities soon, the Caucasian region country's Ambassador to India Archil Dzuliashvili said here on Tuesday.

"The government of Georgia has signed an air service agreement with India's Ministry of Civil Aviation for this. Soon we will meet Indian airline companies to launch flights between the two countries," Dzuliashvili said at a meeting of World Trade Centre and All India Association of Industries.

Planning to expand economic relations, both nations are conducting a feasibility study to sign a Free Trade Agreement, he said.

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Pointing out that Georgia is located at the crossroads of West Asia and Europe, he invited Indian companies to invest in his country and make it a gateway for their entry into the EU.

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World Trade Centres Association (WTCA), New York CEO Scott Ferguson urged Georgia to set up a WTC in a leading commercial city to catalyse trade and investments to that country.

"This would place Georgia on the global trade and commerce map and encourage neighbouring centres to set up WTCs in their regions," he said.

Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were Satinder S. Ahuja, Honorary Consul General of Georgia in Mumbai.

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## Georgia to start airline service from six Indian cities, says Dzuliashvili



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