

ABOUT THE GALA

As the C-IBC's marquee event, the Gala Dinner attracts over four hundred attendees from corporate Canada and India, in addition to policymakers and media personalities. Past speakers have included senior government and corporate leaders, such as Mrs. Chanda Kochhar of ICICI and Jim Balsillie of Research in Motion.

Preceded by an intimate cocktail reception, the Gala provides a unique occasion to draw together the leaders of the bi-lateral trade and investment relationship, and has emerged as one of the most valuable networking events on the calendar.

Given the popularity of the event, tickets and tables sell out quickly. For more information and sponsorship opportunities please contact the Council directly.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER MR. PREM WATSA



This year's keynote speaker Mr. Prem Watsa, dubbed the "Canadian Warren Buffet", is the founder, chairman and chief executive of Fairfax Financial Holdings. Driven by enormous potential offered by India's insurance market, Fairfax recently launched a joint-venture with an Indian financial institution and has plans to expand their stake as the country loosens foreign ownership restrictions in the sector.

GUEST SPEAKER MR. SHASHI THAROOR



Guest Speaker Mr. Shashi Tharoor is an award-winning author, peace-keeper, refugee worker, human rights activist and member of the Indian Parliament. An internationally known speaker, his insight and knowledge on India's recent shift and future prospects in globalization and international politics are highly sought after.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT RECIPIENT MR. DON STEWART



The C-IBC is pleased to announce Don Stewart, CEO of Sun Life Financial as this year's Lifetime Achievement winner; he will be presented with the award at the Gala.

A native of Scotland, Don joined Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada in London, England in 1969 and emigrated to Montreal in 1972. Don is a director of the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association, the American Council of Life Insurers and international aluminum products company Novelis Inc. He is a member of the Board of The Geneva Association, an international insurance think tank and research institution.

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