

Yusuffali named Air India Director



Abu Dhabi- Prominent Gulf-based businessman Yusuffali M.A. has been appointed by the Government of India as Director Board Member of Air India.

His appointment is part of the government's move to restructure the national carrier run by the National Aviation Company of India Ltd. Yusuffali, Managing Director of the UAE-based EMKE Group, joins the Air India Board with significant experience in the Indian Aviation Industry.

EMKE Group runs Lulu Hypermarkets and shopping malls across the GCC countries and employs largest number of Indians abroad numbering more than 22,000. Yusuffali, who has won Padma Shri award, had served as the special invitee to the Board of Directors of Air India and Indian Airlines in the year 1997-98. He is the Director of Cochin International Airport Ltd., the first airport set up in the private sector in the country since its inception. He is also a member of many state and central government bodies including the Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council, India Development Fund and Overseas Indian Facilitation Center, and Vice Chairman of NORKA-Roots, a Kerala Government enterprise set up for the welfare of Keralites living abroad. Yusuffali is the first Asian to be elected to the Director Board Member of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.