



From Our President

Dear Fellow Members, Friends, and Colleagues,

Our Samunder Club of Houston stands amidst the exciting environment of USA's Oil and Gas industry. Houston is presently the fastest growing city in USA, and with the maturity of Shale Gas exploration we pleasantly find ourselves at the hub of increased opportunities. Many new companies are entering the Exploration and Production market and several new LNG Liquefaction plants are being built in the Gulf region. Many refineries are enhancing their facilities to meet new processing demands from shale and also to comply with new regulatory requirements.

Oil majors like ExxonMobil and Chevron are relocating over 10,000 personnel from around the globe to Houston or its suburbs. Support companies in the Oil and Gas industry are following these oil majors to be near their clients. With the Panama Canal expansion slated for completion mid-2015, shipping requirements are expected to increase four fold in the United States Gulf Coast region. Samunder Club of Houston is well-positioned to double its membership within the next three years.

In November 2014, the Port of Houston Authority completed 100 years of incorporation. I am glad to say that Samunder Club of Houston showed great solidarity by setting up a booth at the event.

Samunder Club has been the primary clearing house for Marine and Offshore Technical and Operational excellence. The Club has been enhancing Technical Expertise through various Technical Presentations and has been the primary pillar of assistance for marine personnel relocating to Houston and surrounding region.

The Club has been promoting its exposure by participating in the Youth Expo and conducting motivational lectures and Career Counseling at various Educational Institutions and Schools. Recently club members participated in a Career Fair at Dayton Independent School District – Woodrow Wilson Middle School.

With the expected doubling of membership by 2017 I am of the firm belief that the club will increase its activities and be an organization sought for exceptional expertise in the Marine Oil and Gas Industry.

In keeping with the Club bylaws I will be stepping down from the Presidency and will be handing over the leadership to the Vice President, Joe Lobo. I wish him well.

We have an extraordinary leadership team that is focused on our members, our growth, and our Club's success.