



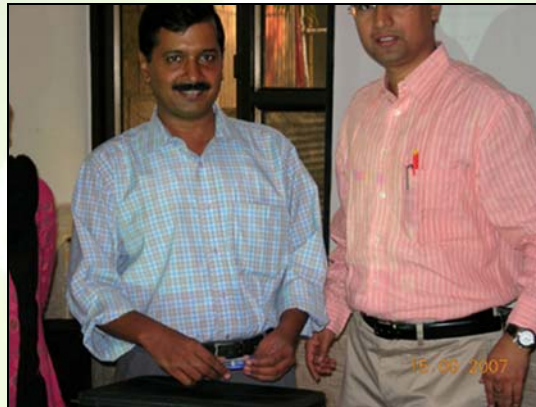
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IIMSAM underlines the principles of Transparency and Accountability in its endeavour to counter malnutrition and the achievement of the UN MDG's with the support of the Ramon Magsaysay Award winner, Mr. Arvind Kejriwal



(Resident Representative of the IIMSAM to India Mr. Manish Uprety with Mr. Arvind Kejriwal)

[UN Headquarters, New York, 18th September 2007] IIMSAM firmly believes in imbibing best practices from across the world in its endeavour to counter malnutrition globally. The dictum found manifestation in the incessant efforts of Mr. Manish Uprety, IIMSAM's Resident Representative to the Republic of India, who solicited support of the Ramon Magsaysay Award winner Mr. Arvind Kejriwal on the 15th of September, 2007; in New Delhi, for the cause and mandate of IIMSAM to make Spirulina a key-driver to achieve food security globally and bridge the health divide.

Mr. Arvind Kejriwal, a senior Indian Revenue Services officer who resigned from service to launch *Parivartan*, an NGO that has activated the Right to Information movement in public life at the grassroots level in India which led to increasing transparency in public life and helping curb corruption. For his initiatives, Mr. Kejriwal was awarded with the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2006 for 'Emergent Leadership' that many consider as an equivalent of the Nobel Prize in Asia

H.E. Remigio Maradona, head-ambassador of the IIMSAM while lauding the diligent and enlightened activism of Mr. Uprety on behalf of the IIMSAM to increase the stakeholders in the organisation's mandate said- RTI act's ever increasing presence in the world that is now in around seventy countries; is an evidence to the fact that access to information is in fact playing an increasing role in the empowerment process, especially in the context of developing countries. To spread the benefits of development to the grassroots and to make them a party in the development agenda, the whole world can learn from the experiences of Mr. Kejriwal.

IIMSAM recognises, believes, adheres to, and underlines the role of Transparency and Accountability in its advocacy with the international community to include Spirulina in the sustainable development agenda; and in its practices and operations towards the eradication of malnutrition and the achievement of UN MDG's..