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To All Members (Please Circulate)

COM. GAUTAM DEBNATH, PRESIDENT LAYS DOWN OFFICE ON 28.02.2017

Dear Comrade,

Com. Gautam Debnath, President, SBIOA (Bengal Circle), is laying down his office on the 28th February, 2017, following his retirement from Bank's service. Com. Gautam Debnath, an erudite leader, a veteran Trade Unionist, has been intrinsically associated with Trade Union movement for long years in various capacities. Over the years he has been a dedicated and committed soldier of the Association having served in different capacities. He has discharged his duties with utmost dedication, sincerity, honesty and diligence and has significantly contributed to the growth and success of our beloved Association.

Comrade Gautam Debnath, a Masters in Economics, joined the Bank on 25.06.1979. He was promoted to officer cadre on 01.08.1992. He had been actively involved with SBISA and served in various capacities. Immediately after his promotion, he associated himself with SBI Officers' Association (Bengal Circle) and was elected as Treasurer of Ranaghat Composite Unit in the year 1993 and subsequently as President of the Composite Unit in 1994. His potential was recognised and he was elected as Zonal President, Zone - 10 (presently Regional President) in 1999. His commitment and dedication elevated him in the post of Zonal Secretary of the Zone in 2002. He took the responsibility of Assistant Regional Secretary, Bidhannagar Module (in present day nomenclature - Assistant Zonal Secretary) in 2004. In recognition to his innovative ideas, analytical power and leadership quality, in 2011 he was inducted in the Central Committee and became Deputy General Secretary in the same year. In 2015, he was elected as President of the Circle Association, a post he has held till his retirement. He had also effectively performed the responsibilities of Deputy General Secretary of our Federation, Working Committee member of AIBOC and Vice-President of State Unit of AIBOC during this period.

Throughout his illustrious career in Association, he has proved his mettle with his calm and composed demeanour, wisdom, vision, wit and experience. He possessed the rare quality to connect with the members especially the youth. He always played a key role in conceptualising all our programmes, designing the cover and content of our journal, reports and other publications. The undersigned acknowledges with deepest gratitude for the colossal support that he had received from Gautam Debnath during this tenure. He had worked with missionary zeal, dedication and utmost commitment for the organization despite his frail health.

His retirement will leave a definite void in the Association, which would be very difficult to fill in. On behalf of our entire Circle Association, the undersigned places on record the deepest appreciation for the contribution of Com. Gautam Debnath and wishes him a healthy, contented and meaningful superannuated life.

With best regards,

Soumya Datta
(General Secretary)