

From the letter of the Director of the Center for Digital Future, Dr. Jeff Cole to the Ambassador K.Fabian

Dear Ambassador Fabian,

I am very pleased to learn that an Indian team led by Dr. Ashish Kumar, Former Director General of Central Statistical Office of India, applying the model of our Senior Fellow Professor Sulpasso, has made the calculation of preliminary GDKP India (Gross Domestic Knowledge Product of India) for years 2011-2012 leaving it as a legacy to the CSO. I had with you a remarkably interesting Skype talk last summer and I was impressed by your strong determination to promote the GDKP India, and now the first preliminary steps are made. This is truly an historic development both for India and the world and I would like to ask you to forward my congratulations to your Prime Minister, His Excellency Narendra Modi. For this achievement we extend congratulations to Dr. Ashish Kumar who, with a remarkable individual personal engagement, has established a cornerstone for future fundamental economy elaborations and to Ambassador Balkrishna Shetty, the fundamental mathematical expert of your Indian team.

The USA was the first country to calculate the GDP, a monumentally important number that has so much to do in understanding economic development around the world over the past several generations. Now, the GDKP will measure knowledge around the world serving as a benchmark and a stimulus to developed and developing countries. The GDKP will measure key aspects of globalization, finance, innovation and important aspects of communication and technology.

The Center for the Digital Future, based at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California (USC), is an internationally renowned research and policy center. We have spent the past 17 years tracking digital developments across the globe (www.digitalcenter.org). We are proud to provide the home for Professor Sulpasso and to make the GDKP one of our top priorities. It is Professor Sulpasso's long and fruitful relationship with India that has led the effort to begin the calculation of the GDKP with India.

Through Professor Sulpasso, we have been working with you and Ambassador Shetty in reaching out to the Prime Minister's office, because all of us understand that GDKP has global implications for the world and strong implications for India in understanding the progress of knowledge and learning.

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