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FINANCE MINISTER TO LEAVE FOR FOUR DAY OFFICIAL TOUR TO USA TOMORROW; TO DELIVER KEY NOTE ADDRESS AT US-INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL 38<sup>TH</sup> LEADERSHIP SUMMIT; TO MEET US BUSINESS LEADERS DURING HIS VISIT

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The Union Finance Minister Shri P.Chidambaram will be leaving on a four day visit from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 to United States of America (USA) tomorrow. The Finance Minister Shri Chidambaram will arrive in Washington DC on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. During his visit, the Finance Minister Shri Chidambaram will deliver the Key Note Address at the Plenary Session of US India Business Council 38<sup>th</sup> Leadership Summit on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.

During his stay in US Capital, the Finance Minister Shri Chidambaram is also expected to meet the leading US business leaders including Mr Brad Smith, Microsoft's General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Legal and Corporate Affairs, Mr Pat Dewar, CEO, Lockheed Martin International, Mr.Scott Price, CEO, Asia, Walmart, Mr Henri Croupon, CEO, ILFC and Mr Sheperd W. Hill, President, Boeing International among others. The Finance Minister is likely to discuss the issue of investment by US companies in India especially in infra sector, various policy measures taken by the Government to boost investment in the country and tax related matters among others.

Beside above, the Finance Minister Shri Chidambaram will also meet his US counterpart and US Treasury Secretary, Mr Jacob Lew during his visit. The Finance Minister is also expected to meet Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), Chairman, Senate Finance Committee and Senator Warner (D-VA), Co-Chair, Senate India Caucus during his stay in Washington DC.

The Finance Minister will leave for back home on  $12^{th}$  July, 2013 and will arrive in the national capital on  $14^{th}$  July, 2013.

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