

Acceptance speech of Mr. Dhirubhai Ambani at Chemtech Foundation Award function held in Mumbai on November 8, 2000

His Excellency Dr. P.C. Alexander, Honourable Chief Minister Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh, Honourable Petroleum Minister Shri Ram Naik, Honourable Power Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu and Dear Friends,

Thank you very much. For your affection and for your generosity. The CHEMTECH FOUNDATION and the Chemical Engineering World has done me a unique honour.

I am deeply moved.

I am proud to be part of the chemical industry.

It has made great contribution in economic development.

It has played great role in improving the quality of life of common people. It has a great past. I believe, - it has a greater future.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Friends often praise me for being a doer.

In fact, I take pride in being a dreamer.

Big achievements follow if you dream big.

Reliance is a proof of the power of dreams.

All of you are familiar with Reliance, the name of the company all of us have built.

Reliance is also the message behind that name.

I have always believed: if you rely on people, you can do wonders.

Trust them.

You can achieve miracles.

Lakhs of people have joined me in building Reliance. Between us there has always been one common bond: reliance and trust.

They placed trust in me.

In return, I stood by that trust, without wavering.

Reliance is a triumph of trust.

I have also believed in the power of youth.

I have relied on them and they have never failed me.

I have given them daunting challenges.

They have always risen to the occasion.

I set them to run on paths full of obstacles.

They have always overcome obstacles and won the race. Greater the challenge, greater has been their achievements.