



**AJAY KUMAR IAS, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, DEITY INAUGURATING THE KERALA PAVILION AT TAITRONICS**



**DR. G C GOPALA PILLAI, P H KURIEN IAS AND DR. M BEENA IAS AT THE KERALA PAVILION**



**KERALA TEAM AT TSINCHU SCIENCE PARK, TAIPEI**



**KERALA SESSION IN PROGRESS AT TAITRONICS 2015**

## KERALA DELEGATION ATTENDS TAITRONICS IN TAIPEI

A high-level delegation of Kerala Government attended Taitronics, the 41st Taipei International Electronic Show, held at Taipei Nangang Exhibition Centre in Taiwan from October 6 to 9. The electronics show was jointly organised by the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) and Taiwan Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association (TEEMA). State Industries and IT Secretary P H Kurien IAS led the Kerala delegation which included KINFRA MD Dr. G C Gopala Pillai, KSIDC MD Dr. M Beena IAS, KINFRA Manager (Technical) G Sunil and KSIDC Deputy General Manager G Unnikrishnan. The visit was part of the Make in India programme organised by FICCI and Department of Electronics and IT (DeitY) under the Union Ministry



**P H KURIEN IAS @ TAITRONICS 2015**

of Electronics and Communication. Ajay Kumar IAS, Additional Secretary, DeitY, inaugurated the Kerala pavilion at Taitronics. In his presentation, P H Kurien showcased Kerala's investment opportunities in Electronic System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM) sector. The team also visited the Tsinchu Science Park in Taipei to learn more about the incubation facility.

Speaking to *Destination Kerala*, KINFRA MD Dr. Pillai said: "Kerala has presented investment opportunities in electronics and semiconductor design and manufacturing industry at KINFRA Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) at Kakkannad in Kochi and Defence Park at Ottappalam in Palakkad. Further, KINFRA will initiate follow up action based on the business

## SCIENCE PARK INAUGURATED



Kerala Chief Minister Oommen Chandy has thrown open to the public Kochi's first Science Park for children, Cochin Children's Science Park, at Kalamassery in Ernakulam district. The Cochin Children's Science Park, which has been set up on a 5.25-acre land provided by KINFRA Park, has facilities for children to learn, experience and enjoy science through the exhibits.

In his inaugural address, Chief Minister Chandy said that the Children's Science Park was the result of joint effort made by various leaders, cutting across political barriers. "The lake adjacent to the Park will also be included in the project soon and pedal boating facility will be introduced," the Chief Minister said. "The government would consider acquiring land for the project from KINFRA, by paying market value, he said. The exhibits at the park, including those being set up, will expose children to basic scientific phenomena and the concepts involved. The Thrillerium was set up using Rs. 1.5 crore from the MPLADS funds of former MP P Rajeev and MPs H K Dua and Ashok S Ganguly. The other attractions at the park are musical dance fountain sponsored by the Lulu Group and simulator theatre set up by the BPCL.

The municipality has also set up children's park, playground, recreational facilities, butterfly garden and pathways/roads with modern facilities at the park. According to the authorities, work is progressing on the aquarium, science library and science pavilion at the park. Public Works Minister V K Ebrahimkunjupresided over the function. Former MP P Rajiv, Benny Behanan MLA, Kalamassery Municipal Chairman Jamal Manakkadan, KINFRA Managing Director Dr. G C Gopala Pillai among others attended the function.

discussions held during the visit."

According to experts, industry leaders of Taiwan are looking abroad for investments due to high labour cost locally. KINFRA has engaged Frost and Sullivan for preparing Demand Assessment and Market Survey for the proposed Defence Park at Ottappalam. "The agency has submitted the report to KINFRA and it has been forwarded to the Union Government," Dr. Pillai said. Meanwhile, KINFRA is awaiting final approval from the DeitY for the EMC project in Kakkannad. KINFRA is offering single-window clearance for all State approvals, procedural support, exemption of lease registration and stamp duty and joint exposure to national and international programmes that target the defence park.