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## Members of The Indian Institute of Architects Association professionals & Industry Leaders

Sub. : **Boycott of Chinese Goods Services**

**Dear Friends,**

Warm Greetings from IIA,

As you all know that, we have a neighbour called China with whom we not only share a 4000 Km long border but also thousands of years of Socio, Cultural & trade links. To further strengthen these historical ties we signed the famous Panchsheel treaty in 1954 for peaceful co existence.

Not only this, in our over enthusiasm, we let China occupy the UN security Council seat which was originally offered to India, accepted Chinese sovereignty over Tibet, supported China on most international issues, opened up our markets for cheap, low quality & highly state subsidized Chinese goods & services causing serious damage to the viability of indigenous players resulting into a huge trade deficit of USD 50 billion annually.

What did the Chinese do in return?

1. It waged a war on India in 1962 & illegally occupied almost 38000 sq. km. of Indian Territory in Aksaichin
2. Shamelessly took possession of 5180 sq. km. of territory out of POK in Aksaichin as an illegal gift from Pakistan.
3. Continues to claim over 90000 sq. km. of our territory in Arunachal Pradesh & all along the border.
4. Continues to use its Veto against India at UN Security Council.
5. Continues to block India's entry to Nuclear Suppliers Group, so crucial to our Nuclear energy program.

The list of Chinese deceit against India is long but the **attack on India in Galwan valley**, is the proverbial last nail in the coffin. The time has come to call the **Chinese bluff**.

Twenty brave jawans including a Colonel laid their lives valiantly defending the sacred Borders of our motherland. No words would suffice to express our gratitude to these brave men in uniform who returned home wrapped in the tricolour only after ensuring that the same tricolour keeps flying high where they laid their lives

At this juncture, it is our sacred duty towards the nation & a humble homage to the martyrdom of our brave jawans to do what even we can & we should do **what hurts China most**, which is "**Complete Boycott of Chinese Goods & Services**"

Accordingly, I call upon you my friends, in the Architectural Fraternity & also to our Associates & Industry Leaders to henceforth not use and / or specify any goods & services of Chinese origin with immediate effect. Further let us make all out efforts to replace such goods & services that are currently in use in ongoing works."

Our boycott of Chinese Goods & Services will not only be a fitting tribute to the Martyrdom of our brave Soldiers but will also be truly being "**Vocal for Local**" in our March towards the national goal of "**Atam Nirbhar Bharat**"

I am absolutely sure that, the entire Architectural fraternity & our Associates & Industry traders will wholeheartedly implement the call for the "**Complete Boycott of Chinese Goods & Services**"

Thanking you,

Yours in the Profession

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