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BY

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Chief Election Commissioner of India



DR. S.Y. QURAISHI assumed charge as the 17th Chief Election Commissioner of India on July 30, 2010, having previously held the position of Election Commissioner since June 30, 2006. He has been already involved, as part of the three-member Commission, with control, direction and superintendence of the conduct of elections to the offices of President and Vice-President of India, General Elections to the Lok Sabha – 2009, besides elections in a large number of states. In the management of elections, Dr. Quraishi has brought a special focus on people's participation, voters' education and youth involvement in the electoral process through scientific research and interventions. He has been an ardent proponent for lending strength to the grassroots level election functionaries.

Dr. Quraishi is known for his special contributions in social sector reforms covering health, education, population, drug abuse, and civil society action. He has done extensive work in the fields of Gender, Women & Child Development, HIV/AIDS, Youth and Adolescent issues. Educated at St. Stephen's College in Delhi, Dr. Quraishi has a number of books, articles, and talks to his credit. His book, titled *Social Marketing for Social Change* has broken new ground in the field of Development Communication.

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Thursday

February 24, 2011

Reception

5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**Foyer of The McNeil Center for
Early American Studies (MCEAS)
University of Pennsylvania
3355 Woodland Walk
(at 34th & Walnut Streets)
Philadelphia, PA 19104**

Lecture

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**The Stephanie Grauman Wolf Room
at MCEAS**

Please **RSVP** by

Monday, **February 21** – seating is limited

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