

ISRAEL. *Small Country* **BIG IDEAS.**

ISRAEL IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS TO SHARE ITS INNOVATIONS

- Israel conducts nearly 300 courses annually for emerging nations and has trained almost 200,000 participants – in over 130 countries from Albania to Zimbabwe – in desert agriculture, water management, desertification prevention, early childhood education, community development, emergency and disaster medicine, refugee absorption, and employment programs.
- Israel's Save a Child's Heart (SACH), is the largest program in the world for children from poor nations who need heart surgery and follow-up care. At no charge to its patients, SACH has treated over 700 children from the Congo, to China, the Palestinian Authority and Nigeria.
- In the year 2000 alone, Israel helped build hospitals in areas as diverse as Mauritania, Gaza, the Ukraine, and Turkey.

ISRAEL IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF BIOMEDICAL AND TECHNICAL INNOVATION

- Israeli companies make up 20% of the 338 NASDAQ stocks that are non-American companies.
- Over 50 international giants like Microsoft, IBM, Intel, Motorola, Lucent, Cisco and others establish research and development centers in Israel.
- Israel became the 4th largest high tech economy in the world in the 90's; its biomedical innovations have given new life and hope to people around the world.
- "The world's Silicon Valley" and "a global source of technological innovation"...Israel's trailblazers have included Scitex, Checkpoint, Converse, Zoran, Indigo, and M-Systems.
- In 2002, Israelis registered 1,046 patents in the US, or 174 per million residents. This figure puts Israel third in the world, behind only the US and Japan, in per capita patents.

ISRAEL INVESTS MORE IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY

- "Israel's investment in Research and Development (R&D) as a percentage of its GDP is not matched by any other country." Lt. Gen. Vinay Shankar (Retd), India, The Asian Age, October 2003
- "I have never thought of money...It is more the honor for Israel, for myself, that a small country can make it..." Aharon Ciechanover, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, 2004

ISRAEL HAS ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY EDUCATED POPULATIONS IN THE WORLD

- Israel has the highest percentage of scientists and technicians per capita in the world. Over 25% of its work force is in technical professions..
- Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees to population in the world.

ISRAEL IS A FLOURISHING, STABLE DEMOCRACY THAT INVESTS IN ITS PEOPLE AND PROMOTES CREATIVITY AND THE FREE FLOW OF IDEAS.

- "Israel has proved that for fifty years its real power is in its democracy, guarding the rights of its citizens, applying laws [equally] to the rich and poor, the big and small..." Columnist Dr. Talal Al-Shareef, Palestinian newspaper Al-Quds, May 27, 1999.
- "I envy them [Israelis and their democracy]...I respect the democratic discussion, debate, the sovereignty of law, and the freedom of the press..." Columnist Ata Al-Qemari, in Palestinian newspaper Al-Ayyam, May 22, 1999.