

Combining the best of the East & West

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At the recent Milken Institute’s 2012 Global Conference at Los Angeles, US, a host of the world’s most influential converged to explore solutions to the most pressing global challenges in business, health, government and education.

This year, two pertinent areas, energy and education stole the limelight due to their implications on the growth and development of countries world over. At a panel discussion named, ‘International Education Investment Opportunities’ eminent panelist discussed the potential and challenges of investing in the education sector abroad, particularly in emerging economies.

“The potential for growth across industries in India is inextricably connected to the development of human capital. The critical question remains whether we are developing the requisite mindsets, knowledge and skills fast enough to keep pace with evolving industries in India,” said Founder and Director, Edvance Schools, Anshul Arora speaking at the panel. He shared the stage with eminent names in the international education sector including the Deputy Secretary and COO, U.S. Department of Education, Anthony Miller.

As the discussion progressed, it became evident that the education sector held tremendous investment opportunities particularly in emerging markets like India and China. Panelist weighed in the challenges and opportunities, right from government regulation, to adopting the ‘ideal’ educational model in such markets.

“In Asia, we often look to pedagogical models more prevalent in the West, focused on holistic development of children. The West often looks to Asian models of pedagogy that capture best practices for cognitive development,” said Arora, sharing his views with the panelist.

He added, “In reality, the most powerful form of education should combine both, the best from the East and the West. You can have a strong focus on literacy, numeracy, pedagogy and learning outcomes.” Reflecting the approach that Edvance pre-schools adopts in its curriculum, a combination of literacy and numeracy through play way - the best of both the East and the West.