



## **KISS Humanitarian Award-2015**

### **Dr. Alejandro Toledo, Ph.D**

*Revered Sir*

*Very few people in this world have become legends in their lifetimes and you have proved to be one such legend. When children should enjoy the warmth of their mothers' hand around them, you found yourself in the streets to shine shoes, hawking newspapers to support your family. While history records the achievements of illustrious people, you created History as a 'CHOLO' President of Peru, the first ever President of Indigenous descent in a South American country democratically elected in five hundred years. Your rise to fame is a story of remarkable hard work, strong determination and persistence. Your brilliance in academics despite being a politician could dwarf many. From a fishing village school in the Andean highlands to become a graduate in the University of San Francisco and then Masters and Ph.D from Stanford, your journey is indeed awe-inspiring. It is not an easy task to pull out a country from an unstable GDP and inflation above 23 percent to record a six percent annual growth with inflation coming down to 1.5 percent. As a distinguished professor, an economist par excellence, a visionary statesman, human rights supporter and an outstanding human being, championing the cause of indigenous rights, you have left an indelible mark in every field you worked in. Every institution was honoured by honouring you and no wonder you have received more than 75 Honoris Causa from great universities across the world, peace prizes, recognitions from press and media houses and honour from the US Senate for helping to make great strides in the areas of education, health care and poverty eradication.*

*We salute you for all your works and we admire you for your concern for the common man in general and for the indigenous people in particular. We believe, there could not have been a better person than you to receive the honour from the organisation working for indigenous children.*

*In recognition to your contribution to the world and in admiration to your policies to fight poverty and for the declaration of Machu Picchu, the Management of KISS resolve to confer on you the KISS Humanitarian Award - 2015 on this day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015, at KISS Campus, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.*

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