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IVI welcomes Global Ambassadors

India Vision Institute, the NGO working across India to provide access to vision screenings and a pair of corrective glasses to those in need, has three influential leaders join as Global Ambassadors.

The three Global Ambassadors are Jodi McKay, Patrick Cherrier and Yvonne Holden, all distinguished and eminent individuals in their respective fields.

IVI's CEO Vinod Daniel said "the Global Ambassadors will help in IVI's journey forward. IVI is on the crossroads, having vision screened 1 million underprivileged people across India and providing corrective glasses to those in need of a pair. We will surely benefit from their experience and knowledge."

Jodi McKay was the Leader of the Opposition and served as Cabinet Minister in the New South Wales Parliament - Australia's oldest Parliament. She is the Director of the Australia-India CEO Forum with the Business Council of Australia. The Forum was established by the Prime Ministers of Australia and India to draw upon the expertise of leading CEOs to deliver investment and business outcomes for both countries. Jodi is also National Chair of the Australia India Business Council (AIBC), Australia's leading bilateral business chamber dedicated to supporting SMEs and promoting trade and investment between India and Australia. She is the Vice Chancellor's Fellow, South Asia with Western Sydney University.

Patrick Cherrier has had a 25-year tenure as CEO of Essilor Asia Pacific, Middle East, Russia and Africa region (AMERA). He was responsible for the strategic management and direction of the 140 subsidiaries in this vast region. He spearheaded the company's aggressive market expansion through organic growth, joint-ventures and acquisitions into countries such as India, China, Korea, Japan, Middle East and Russia, bringing the turnover from 20 million to 1.5 billion. He was a member of the Essilor Group Executive Committee.

Yvonne Holden is a retired sport and primary school educator. She has taught for 35 years in Melbourne, London and Sydney, lectured at Teachers' College and held positions of Primary School Deputy Principal and Acting Principal. Over many years, Yvonne, wife of the late Professor Brien Holden, has volunteered in sports administration (soccer and cricket) and also in establishing, and Board Member of, two not-for-profit pre-school day care centres.