

India, NZ to sign MoU on IT

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India and New Zealand will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Information Technology for Research and Development, skills exchange and business-to-business cooperation in the hi-tech sector.

"We see India as an IT power house and the bilateral agreement will address three key aspects, that of establishing a formal relationship between the two countries in the infotech areas, business-to-business alliances and skills exchange," Minister for IT, Communications and Commerce of New Zealand Paul Swain said at the ASOCIO 2001 organised by NASSCOM here today.

New Zealand will seek India's cooperation in software development and training, Mr Swain said, adding, the country had recently stepped up its visa limit by 10,000 to 47,000 people and reoriented its focus from earlier "family reunion" criteria to "knowledge based workers" criteria.

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