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# Kalam focus on Vision-2030

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Former President APJ Abdul Kalam on Tuesday emphasised on the Vision-2030 for the world while speaking at the second 'R Venkataraman Birth Centenary Lecture' to mark the birth centenary of former President of India R Venkataraman.

Kalam said, "RV as he was popularly known was a great visionary. The important message of his life that he always spread was 'working with integrity and succeeding with integrity'. RV's contribution

towards Tamil Nadu is highly praiseworthy. Through his industrial expertise, he transformed Tamil Nadu from an agricultural State to an industrially developed State".

Kalam further said that in a globalised world, problems, efforts, prosperity and happiness will have to be shared to achieve a peaceful society. The former President said that the mission can be accomplished if the global challenges are overcome by all nations together.

Kalam said, "Today, the challenges of the world are the

eradication of poverty, illiteracy, diseases; provision of safe drinking water and clean and green energy will have to be achieved. Equitable distribution with values for all, societal and quality education, health-care and good living conditions will also have to be overcome."

Professor MGK Menon, former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) welcomed the gathering on Tuesday evening and the vote of thanks was proposed by Lakshmi Venkatesan, Venkataraman's daughter on the evening.

A series of programmes are being organised throughout the country to celebrate the centenary year of Venkataraman from December 4, 2010 to December 4, 2011 with eminent leaders from politics, industry and corporate world participating in it. The Delhi events are being jointly organised by Venkataraman's family members, represented by his daughter Lakshmi Venkatesan and India International Centre, Nehru Memorial Museum, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, among others.

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# Venkataraman represented timeless values: Kalam

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Former President APJ Abdul Kalam has a legion of admirers and seen as a mentor by many, even as he named today another former President, R Venkataraman, as a man whom he looked up to like a mentor.

Speaking at the India International Centre, which hosted the second lecture as a part of the celebration for the country's eighth President's cente-

nary year - named RV's Centenary by the organisers, Kalam said people of the kind of Venkataraman were rare and he brought dignity and values to the public life and made it richer with his presence. Values were timeless and he taught us not only how to run the administration but also how to live, Kalam said.

The IIC in collaboration with the family of the former President jointly held the event.

To celebrate RV's Centenary, a series of programmes

are being organised till December 4, 2011, to mark the values and culture of his generation.

Lakshmi V Venkatesan, his youngest daughter, said the purpose was not only to remember him or pay him homage but to highlight the values he stood for.

She said her father was a visionary who spoke way back in 1952 about the scourge of unemployment and propounded the idea of economic liberalization in 1959.