

Taking relations to the next level

Propelled by summit-level exchanges, relations between India and Japan have become stronger during the past few years. Special emphas has been given to strengthening economic relations, and a slew of initiatives have been taken in this field. Currently, Japan ranks sixth largest in cumulative foreign direct investment flows into India. The two sides have also launched an Energy Dialogue to promote cooperation in the energy sector in a comprehensive manner. More such efforts are being taken up in a systematic manner by the governments of the two countries to take relations to a new level.

INDIA-JAPAN GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP 2011

JGPS 2011, held from 5 to 7 September at Prince Park Tower Hotel, Tokyo, Japan, provided a platform for a face-to-face interaction amongst 3,198 top business leaders, policy makers, opinion leaders, media leaders and academicians. The Summit held with the aim of expanding, reinforcing and realising stronger socio-economic frameworks for cooperation between India and Japan, achieved a breakthrough by further bringing closer the dynamics between the two nations. Organised at the behest of ICF, the summit saw participation from India, Japan, Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia, United States,

United Kingdom, Switzerland, Canada and Nepal.

With 40 theme-specific sessions, focusing largely on Agro-Economy, Pharma and Healthcare, Environment and Energy, Infrastructure, ICT, Media and Entertainment, Manufacturing and Engineering, Tourism and Hospitality, Banking and Finance, Policy Issues, Education and other services spread across three days, the summit had more than 210 experts interacting and speaking on these subjects of interest of India and Japan. Official delegations from Haryana, Delhi, Kerala, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh attended the Summit.

Earmarked by the attendance of PM of Japan, Yoshihiko Noda and a special written message from the PM of India, Manmohan Singh, read out by the Ambassador of India to Japan, the Summit saw the presence of a wide galaxy of dignitaries including four former PMs of Japan Shinzo Abe, Yukio Hatoyama, Yoshiro Mori & Naoto Kan besides Sam Pitroda, Chairman of India-Japan Global Partnership Summit; Mukesh Ambani, Chairman Reliance Industries Ltd; Takashi Shoda, Chairman South Asia Regional Committee; and Rajesh V Shah, Co-Chairman & MD Mukand Ltd.

Important Announcements

Smart Agriculture and Knowledge Corridor for India

The most auspicious and audacious attempt to usher second green revolution for India got a giant leap forward with this announcement by India Center Foundation. With focus on 5Ps, policy, processing, packaging, preservation and power, this corridor is proposed to cover approximately 51% of the total geographical area, covering 13 states of India.

Trans-Asia Buddhist Circuit

The circuit connecting India and Nepal as prime Buddhist destinations was announced at Japan-India-Nepal Partnership the Summit with a view to look into the possibilities of India-Japan-Nepal collaboration for Trans-Asia Buddhist Circuit while exploring the huge potential that the countries have to offer one another.

Creation of Indo-Japan 2020 Knowledge Hubs Guruvantage, the Summit Academic Partner, and Cicom signed a MoU for skill development under the aegis of Chief Minister Sh. Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Haryana, for creation of "Indo-Japan 2020 Knowledge Hubs" whereby 500,000 young vibrant, skilled Indians and Japanese will be readyby 2020 to cater to the need of India-Japan skilled Human Resource requirement.

Education and Other Services Industry

■ Proposition for setting up Community Knowledge Enterprises with an aim to change educational process from the current rote mass examinations to more of decentralised learningcentric systems which promote not only education but also widen the knowledge economy, knowledge-intensive products and services, thereby vastly enhancing the quality of education and livelihood opportunities.

would like to take this oppor-

tunity to express my heartfelt

gratitude to all participants,

delegates, speakers, partners,

and supporters for your relent-

less support in making IJGPS

2011 a resounding success. The

response from the Japanese and

Indian public, businesses, and

governments exceeded even our

Fifteen years go, we at India

Center, saw this dream— a part-

nership between these two won-

derful nations. A relationship

that transcends cultural simi-

larities and linguistic differ-

highest expectations.

ness and opinion leaders from many countries around the world.

■ Linking the already established Indian office of Ritsumeikan Trust to development of India and further spread the base to South Asian region. ■ India- Japan Co-operation

for re-establishment and scaling up of Nalanda University.

■ Matching India's need to build 2,000 universities, to be able to take the gross enrolment from 11% to 25% with a huge surplus capacity in Japanese institutes of learning.

Role of Nepal in India's requirement of clean energy, with the help of Japanese technological knowhow. A Public Private Partnership (PPP) model on energy cooperation was proposed where the potential hydro resources of Nepal and technological strength of Japan would supply the impending energy deficit in India and Nepal. The proposed PPP model will create a win-win situation for India, Nepal and Japan. This PPP model will consist of the Indian power companies, Central government, Japan and Central government, Nepal.

- Nepal can subscribe to the proposed New Agricultural Model and learn from both India and Japan. The output of which can go beyond Nepal and contribute to food security of India as well.
- Inclusion of Lumbini in the proposed Trans Asian Buddhist Circuit.
- Japan India Nepal Development Forum, an initiative where anyone can join and give ideas, whether he is a politician or media person, and we can work towards convincing the government, which is the eventual executing body and need for a proactive approach on making the Forum a
- The importance of educational sponsorship and

Message from Vibhav Kant Upadhyay, Chairman, India Center Foundation, and Founder and Director General, IJGPS

ences. A relationship built on

trust and reliance on each

The Summit was a brain-

storming session of global mag-

nitude. Over the course of three

days, we pooled our strengths,

our thoughts and our dreams to

envision a better world. A world

that is responsible to our future

generation. A world that under-

stands that resources are finite.

A world that understands that

the only infinite resources at

our disposal are our thoughts

We worked together to create

other's strengths.

and passion.

scholarships in India and Nepal for the opportunity to learn Japanese language, through which the language barrier can be eliminated.

Environment and Energy

Proposal and deliberations for setting up of a "Model for Collective Security Electricity Supply" East Asia. Japan, China, Korea, Russia, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan or ASEAN countries for the energy security of the 21st century.

Mutual discussions between the Government of Delhi and Japan for the technical collaborations conversant with Japanese building technologies, since the national capital of India falls under the Zone 4 and prone to earth quakes.

- Proposal to develop "Trans-Asia Green Corridor" to scale up the knowledge, science and technology in harmony with the systems of nature based upon the Japanese concept of Satovama.
- Joint exploration of oil elsewhere to address the problem of energy security.

Policy discussions

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■ Discussions on the role of India and Japan at the United Nations, disarmament, non-alignment, global warming and climate change, and maritime security issues with a focus on the regional cooperation to make a contribution towards global peace.

- Discussions on kind of funding facilities to Government of India where the fund comes to the local bodies either as very soft loan or the subsidy.
- Proposal to include Nepal as Global Partner Country for India-Japan Global Partnership.
- Proposal for Prefecture (Japan)- State (India) decentralized co-operation systems.

mous. This new framework is revolutionary and I thank everybody who was part of the

historic event. We take this positive message to heart, and are therefore announcing that the next India-Japan Global Partnership Summit will be held in Delhi. We welcome all of those who participated in IJGPS 2011, as well as those who were unable to attend, to join us —this time at the other end of the bridge between our two nations —to reconfirm the bond we have tied with our

friends this year.

Vibhav Kant Upadhyay is an emerging leader and a well-known contributor to the national & international development process. Known for his statesmanship, macro-vision and a holistic approach to integrated development, Vibhav has been working on formulating a new socio-economic framework for Asia & the world, initiated by India & Japan as global partners. His vision, initiatives, commitment to finding solutions for energy, food & environmental challenges will help the nation become energy-efficient, environmentally responsible and agriculturally sustainable. His views are supported and appreciated by top policy makers and busi-

a new socio-economic frame-

work that would build new

avenues for India, Japan and

The Summit brought forth an

open architecture of develop-

ment that any nation in the

world can subscribe to and

must because mutual knowl-

edge sharing will further lead

to a highly vibrant atmosphere

of trust and will throw open

many other opportunities for

business and economic develop-

ment. The significance of a

global partnership between

India and Japan is magnani-

rest of the world.

Message of H.E. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

"Economic and commercial ties remain the corner stone of our mutually beneficial relations with Japan; together with the Government of Japan we have launched several flagship initiatives such as the Dedicated Freight Corridor & the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor. I'm encouraged by the steady increase in the presence of corporate Japan in India. I hope that the summit will help to build even stronger bridges between India and Japan."



His Excellency Yoshihiko Noda, **Honorable Prime Minister, Japan**

"The two countries share universal values such as democracy, the rule of law and market economy. We are determined to see Japan and India, the two largest democracies in Asia, further deepen the co- operative relationships based on the strategic global partnership both

countries announced in 2006."

Honorable Yoshiro Mori, Honorary Chairman; IJGPS and Former Prime Minister of Japan

"This summit has many different stakeholders participating. I hope with this kind of stake holder participation in this summit, we can go a step further with ultimate goal, and together we can."



Honorable Shinzo Abe, Co-Chairman, IJGPS and **Former Prime Minister Japan**

"If India and Japan can bilaterally strengthen our relationship, I am sure we can also enhance our regional security as well as our economies. India becoming a stronger country will mean Japan becoming stronger as well."

Honorable Yukio Hatoyama, Co-Chairman, IJGPS and Former Prime Minister, Japan

"We have distinguished leaders from each state and each has different issues such as water supply, agriculture, sewage, smart city and environment. Japan can extend cooperation in these areas where especially Japanese smalland medium-size companies can take this



opportunity to go to India to start the operation not only for India and Japan but to contribute globally."



Sam Pitroda, Co-Chairman, IJGPS and Advisor to the Prime Minister

"To us, people of Japan are very special; they have shown the resilience, which the world appreciates at the time of recent tsunami. I personally believe we have a lot to learn from you. I personally believe we have a common agenda and I personally believe the time is

right for us to work on it and I hope we could start with new thinking at this summit."

Honorable Naoto Kan, **Former Prime Minister of Japan**

"The relationship between India and Japan is

very special. What we really do not have in India we have in Japan, so I think India and Japan have a very complementary relationship. We would like to put in best efforts so that we can produce best results by the cooperation between India and Japan."



Honorable Madhav Kumar Nepal, Former Prime Minister of Nepal

"I would like to call all the leaders and the private sector representatives at the summit to take a serious look as the great investment potential of Nepal, such as hydropower, water resources, organic agriculture, forest products, infrastructure development and tourism."

H.E. Alok Prasad: Ambassador of India to Japan "Since 2006, we have embarked on the global

strategic partnership, which covers the entire range of our bilateral relations, it is my hope that this conference will be an important landmark and contribute to the development of that



and financial resources to create a win-win sit-

Honorable Bhupinder Singh Hooda, **Chief Minister of Haryana, India**

"India's buoyant economy, young population and large market combine well with Japan's technological prowess, manufacturing skills

uation for both the countries. I strongly believe that we can and must synergise our mutual strengths to impart a momentum to Asian as well as global economic growth and prosperity."

Mukesh D Ambani, Mentor, IJGPS & Chairman & **Managing Director, Reliance Industries**

"This is a great opportunity for our best minds to have a dialogue together. Let the power of great ideas shape the thinking over the next few days and let the spirit of big dreams, engulf us in the process, so that we not only shape a road map for a great Japan-India relationship,

that the world can not only follow in the coming century but also build a peaceful, prosperous and a harmonious world."



Amitabh Kant, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, DMIC Development Corporation, India

"Japanese technology has taught us how to bring in world-class technology and bring in programme management to deliver great infrastructure projects and within the time sched-

ules. I think this potential must be fully tapped and we must use this opportunity in the next 30 years to create great synergy between India and Japan where we can create a win-win situation for both India and Japan."

Rajesh V. Shah, Chairman, Advisory Board, IJGPS and Chairman & MD, Mukand Ltd.

"We, the people of India and Japan and the businesses of India and Japan, should take advantage of this great friendship and the positive interactions of our political leadership."





Hari S. Bhartia, Chairman and Managing Director, **Jubilant Life Sciences Limited, India**

"India is a leader in generic products where under the CEPA we will be able to get equal status as the Japanese companies, and I'm sure India companies will play a very important role in reducing the cost of health care in Japan."