

Embassy of India, Tokyo (Japan)

India-Japan relations have evolved into 'Special Strategic and Global Partnership' based on shared values of democracy, non-violence, human rights, rules-based global order for global peace, stability, freedom and prosperity. The progress of our strategic cooperation has steadily progressed through various strategic mechanisms & agreements in important fields such as cybersecurity, ICT, space, civil nuclear cooperation, energy, startups, skill development, education and science and technologies.

Japan is a key partner in India's global initiatives such as International Solar Alliance (ISA), Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and Indo-Pacific Ocean's initiative (IPOI). India-Japan Investment Promotion Partnership; Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Railway project; establishment of 12 Japan Industrial Townships (JITs); Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP); "Manufacturing Skill Transfer Promotion Programme" including Japan-India Institutes for Manufacturing (JIM) and the Japanese Endowed Courses (JEC); signing of Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) agreement; are some shining examples of further deepening of our close and strategic relations. On the economic front, Japan is the 4th largest investor and also the largest ODA contributor to India.

Cooperation in the field of Education is an important component of India - Japan bilateral relations. As per available data, there are over 300 academic and research partnerships (including student and teacher exchanges) between more than 70 universities/institutes of Japan and around 105 universities/institutes of India.

IIT Hyderabad (IITH) started by the Govt. of India in 2008 is renowned for actively pursuing

research and innovation that is evident from the excellent NIRF and other rankings, number of patents and publications, cutting-edge research, strong industry collaboration, and entrepreneurship.

With this vigour, IITH has been able to set up a network of centres & incubators for research, innovation and promotion of entrepreneurship at IITH. IITH is also planning to host one of the supercomputers under National Supercomputing Mission. These centres & facilities will promote research in areas of widespread utility such as AI & 5G technology, affordable housing, and information networks for natural disaster mitigation and recovery.

IITH has been at the forefront in successfully building tie-ups with leading academic institutions around the globe including with more than 20 Japanese Universities and Industries. Collaboration between IIT Hyderabad (IITH) and Japanese universities and institutions aims at combining joint research initiatives, academic exchanges and IITH campus development.

IITH and Japanese universities are collaborating in frontier areas of Nano-technology & Nano-science, Digital Communication, Environment & Energy, Design & Manufacturing and Civil Engineering.

IITH & its incubated startups have led in India's fight against COVID19 by contributing to the development of low-cost products such as AI-based COVID-19 detection kit in collaboration with BARC, Mumbai, ventilator "Jeevan Lite", applications for data collection, monitoring and surveillance of social distancing, protective gears for COVID19 preventive measures, etc.

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I wish to congratulate the IITH team for its inaugural quarterly theme-based magazine "किराIITH (KirIITH) – The Crowning Glory" in 2020. The earlier 03 issues on theme COVID-19 Initiatives@IITH, AI Researches@IITH & Healthcare Initiatives@IITH are informative and useful. I hope that IITH will bring more such editions and will educate all stakeholders especially students.

In these challenging times of pandemic, it is very important that we stay safe and positive. I wish all the readers good health, success and happiness.



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