

## FICCI business delegation to Japan to explore collaboration in Skill Development and Vocational Education

**New Delhi, 4 July 2016:** FICCI is taking a business delegation to Japan from 5-10 July 2016. The delegation is led by Mr. Mohan Das Pai, Chairman FICCI Skill Development Committee. Members of the delegation comprises MD and CEOs of various skill development companies and Senior decision makers from Industry. This is first ever business delegation on Skill Development from India visiting Japan on the backdrop of larger business to business partnership guided by the honourable Prime Ministers of both countries.

Indian Government has put great emphasis on skills development and Japan is considered to be one of most valued ally by our Prime Minister to have long term partnership on many sectors.

“We are sure that Japan's participation in Skill India Mission will encourage the bilateral initiative and add value to the partnership between two important economies”, said **Mr. Mohan Das Pai**, Chairman FICCI Skill Development Committee.

“We are excited about collaboration and partnership opportunity with Japan particularly on vocational education and skills development”, said **Ms Shobha Mishra Ghosh**, Senior Director, FICCI.

The delegation would visit KOSEN model of skill training, vocational high school, polytechnic colleges, and interact with officials of JAVADA, Ministry of Health & Labour Welfare, HIDA, Ministry of Education and other vocational & Skill service providers from industry.

Many parts of Asia lack adequate infrastructure and skilled human resources, but have large populations and the potential for rapid growth. A comprehensive regional approach will work best to meet the growing demands of infrastructure, manufacturing, services and human resources. Using modern management capabilities, a model for collaboration between Japan and India can be developed for Asia, in which Japan can lead in terms of technology and capital, and India can lead from the global human resources end. This could be a winning recipe for growth in Asia. This indeed will be an underlying theme in the recent bilateral discussions between the two prime ministers.

FICCI led the first ever partnership with the Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association (HIDA) in India on Skills Training and organized management training program for leadership and leaders. This programme was hosted by All India Organisation of Employers' (AIOE), an allied body of FICCI.

Some of the opportunity areas for collaboration with Japan are:

- Developing transnational skills standards, recognition of certificates
- Sharing of best practices on industry engagement, technology application and quality control specific to manufacturing
- Establishment of Centre of Excellence in potential sectors such as automotive, electronics etc.
- Capacity Building of Trainers and Skill Infrastructure
- Share methodology on private sector led skills development programs on Apprenticeship & entrepreneurship

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