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President's Message



Dear friends,

Let me wish you all a HAPPY DEEPAVALI!

By the time this Newsletter reaches your hand, the festive season would have already begun.

September 2018 was an active month with the highlight of a successful Business Delegation to Japan with 20 keen enthusiastic members. We had excellent meetings in Tokyo, with MOFA, Indian Embassy, UNIDO,

JETRO etc, to mention a few. We then travelled to Yokohama where we had an opportunity to visit and enjoy the first hand experience of Nissan's excellence in automobiles.

We then went to Osaka, Kobe and Nagoya. I want to thank all our host institutions who were very supportive to IJCCI and to our delegation and ensured excellent interactions. I must make a special mention regarding our new Consul-General Mr. B Shyam in Osaka who happens to be a Tamilian, from Chennai. Mr. Shyam and Madame Shyam were wonderful hosts, organised dinner at the official residence. Very thoughtful of Mr. Shyam to have organised a networking meet with important organisations in and around Osaka that evening with the delegation members.

Friends, you would have read about the typhoon which hit Japan, especially Osaka and Kobe in October. When we visited Kobe, the day-after typhoon, we were amazed to see the Japanese who came to work on time, despite innumerable hurdles like the uprooted trees on the roads, displaced roofs etc. We were really moved by the discipline and work culture of the Japanese and I feel, we must imbibe this great quality. I must, therefore, pay my kudos to the citizens of Japan.

After our return, we called on the Consul General of Japan in Chennai Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama and apprised him of our successful visit to all the places we had planned. This time we could clearly understand the change in the mindset of the Japanese businessmen. A great number of Japanese businessmen are highly enthusiastic and are keen to work with India. IJCCI delegation members found encouraging response in the seminars and B2B meetings in every place and I feel that the Indo-Japan relationship is at a high level and the potential for partnership is tremendous. I am confident that this positive mindset will make great many things happen between our two businessmen. IJCCI is setting up a Japan-India Business Facilitation Cell to identify and provide close interaction among them and help take their initiatives forward.

I once again Wish You A Happy Festive Season.

Regards,

N. Kumar

13th India-Japan Annual Summit in Tokyo, October 28-29, 2018

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bonds of friendship*



IJCCI INDUSTRIAL DELEGATION IN JAPAN



A multi-sector IJCCI Industrial Delegation visited Japan between September 03 & 07, 2018 (Monday through Friday). This is the seventh multi-sector delegation, lead by Mr. N. Kumar, vice-Chairman, Sanmar Group and President IJCCI. The delegation visited Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Kobe and Nagoya.



The delegation called on H.E. Mr. Kazuyuki Nakane, State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member, the House of Representatives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan; Indian Ambassador to Japan H.E. Mr. Sujan R. Chinoy and the Indian Consul-General for Osaka-Kobe Hon'ble Mr. B. Shyam and held discussions on subjects of mutual interests.



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The delegation had business seminars and networking meetings with leading Chambers of Commerce and Industry in all the five places. The delegation members visits include: Nissan Global head quarters to under and appreciate the future models of Nissan for the global market ; a ferry round of the Yokohama Port, to be apprised of the potentials of the Yokohama port; Yokohama Port Great Pier tour and a visit to the Kobe Industrial International Fair .



IJCCI delegation members interacted with the high officials of the City /Prefectural government departments of Yokohama / Kanagawa and were apprised of the potentials for trade and investment in the Prefecture. The delegation members interacted with senior officials of JETRO, Osaka; Industry Department heads of Osaka Prefectural Govt. and senior members from Indian Industry/Association Heads, settled in Osaka for decades doing business successfully in the Kansai region and with the Heads of UNIDO ITPO in Tokyo.



Fishmongers mourn closure of famous Tokyo fish market

The 83-year old world famous fish market buzzing with activities, men unload, sort, pack and display thousands of cartons of white boxes filled with fresh fish and seafood trucked-in from ports across Japan during the early morning in auctions, traders use hand signals to buy and sell fish is being closed and hundreds of fish traders are reluctantly packing up and preparing to leave Tsukiji now for a gleaming new \$5 billion market on reclaimed land farther from central Tokyo. Many fishmongers want to stay in the area where they also live. They worry about contaminated soil at the new site in Toyosu. It is believed that more than 80 percent of Tsukiji fish traders are opposed to the move.



Indian IT companies joining carmakers and startups to develop autonomous vehicles

India's IT services industry like Cognizant, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra and HCL are working on technologies for autonomous cars, testing the vehicles retrofitted with autonomous capabilities such as sensors, cameras that will help the car see all around, new-technology braking systems, and a self-learning navigation platform that will collate scenarios through simulations. It is believed that 46 companies including carmakers such as General Motors, Audi and Ford, besides components makers such as Bosch, Continental and Delphi, are working on autonomous cars or enabling technologies for such vehicles. TCS has a team of over 800 engineers working with both established carmakers as well as startups in Silicon Valley that are rushing to build autonomous vehicles.

Japanese space probe launches new robot onto asteroid

A Japanese probe launched a new observation robot toward an asteroid as it pursues a mission to shed light on the origins of the solar system.

The Hayabusa2 probe launched the French-German Mobile Asteroid Surface Scout, or MASCOT, towards the Ryugu asteroid's surface and is expected to collect a wide range of data from the surface of an asteroid. The 10-kilogram box-shaped MASCOT is loaded with sensors. It can take images at multiple wavelengths, investigate minerals with a microscope, gauge surface temperatures and measure magnetic fields.



MASCOT's launch comes 10 days after the Hayabusa2 dropped a pair of MINERVA-II micro-rovers on the Ryugu asteroid - a world first. While the rovers will spend several months on the asteroid, the MASCOT has a maximum battery life of just 16 hours, and will transmit the data it collects to the Hayabusa2 before running out of juice.