

Ambassador's Remarks to Students of Chuo University

Date: 01 August 2024

Venue: Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Embassy of India

Time: 1100-1200 hrs

Respected Prof. Maki Kunimatsu, Vice President, Chuo University

Dear Students from Chuo University,

It is a pleasure to invite you to Embassy of India in Tokyo. I would like to thank Chuo University for launching this internship program to various start-ups in India.

Dear Students, as you prepare for an exciting journey that will take you to India for your internships, this opportunity marks the beginning of a new chapter in your academic and professional lives, one that will be enriched by the experiences and knowledge you will gain during your time in India.

India and Japan share a relationship that is both unique and profound. Our two nations are united by a Special Strategic and Global Partnership, which is built on mutual respect, shared values, and a common vision for the future. This partnership is not only about political and economic cooperation but also about fostering a deeper connection between our people. It is you, the youth, who are the torchbearers of this vision, and your journey to India is a testament to the strength of our people-to-people ties.

India today stands at the forefront of modernization and innovation. With a population of over 1.4 billion, it is a land of immense opportunities and diverse experiences. Over the past few decades, India has made significant strides in various sectors, including technology, infrastructure, healthcare, and education. The country's rapid modernization is evident in its bustling cities, cutting-edge research facilities, and state-of-the-art infrastructure projects.

One of the most dynamic sectors in India is the startup ecosystem. India is home to one of the world's fastest-growing startup environments, with over 50,000 startups and 100 unicorns as of 2024. This vibrant ecosystem offers a plethora of opportunities for young and innovative minds like yours. From technology and finance to healthcare

and sustainable energy, startups in India are pioneering solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. I encourage you to immerse yourselves in this environment, learn from it, and contribute your unique perspectives and skills.

Your internships in India will not only provide you with practical experience in your chosen fields but will also expose you to the warmth and hospitality of the Indian people. You will have the chance to experience India's rich cultural heritage, diverse traditions, and the everyday life of its people. This cultural exchange is invaluable and will enrich your understanding of the world, fostering a sense of global citizenship.

As you embark on this journey, I urge you to keep an open mind and embrace every opportunity that comes your way. The experiences you gain in India will be instrumental in shaping your future careers and personal growth. I hope that this internship will be just the beginning of a lifelong connection with India. We look forward to seeing you contribute to and benefit from the dynamic and ever-evolving landscape of opportunities that India offers.

In closing, I once again wish you all the very best for your internships. May this experience be fulfilling, inspiring, and trans-formative in your growth journey.

Thank you.

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