

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

“India-Japan Partnership- Tochigi”

The Embassy of India Tokyo organized a Seminar “India-Japan Partnership-Tochigi” on 5 August 2024, focusing on strengthening trade & economic relations between India and Tochigi prefecture. The event witnessed a confluence of Japanese and Indian business leaders, with about 200 people joining the event in person and online.

Several dignitaries including HE Mr. Tomikazu Fukuda, Hon’ble Governor of Tochigi Prefecture, HE Mr. Kiyoshi Igarashi & HE Mr Takao Fujioka, Hon’ble Members of Diet; HE Mr. Yoshiyuki Higano, Chairperson, Tochigi Prefectural Assembly & HE Mr. Yutaka Kaneko, Mayor, Sano City and several other officials of the Japanese Government and representatives of major Japanese and Indian companies were present.

The event commenced with an inaugural address by HE Mr Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan, who spoke about India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, business collaborations thriving upon various sectors between the two countries, India’s economic growth and business friendly environment, making it one of the most attractive investment destination in the world. Hon’ble Governor, Assembly Chairperson and the Mayor of Sano City emphasized on enhancing trade ties between India and Tochigi Prefecture including strengthening cooperation in human resources field and exchanges in sports especially cricket. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India; Chief Director, Jetro Tochigi; and President, ACMA also addressed.

Mayor of Sano City, representatives of prefectural government, Rheon Automatic Machinery Co. Ltd. & Canon Medical Systems Corporation from Tochigi Prefecture, ACMA, Pharmexcil, CII & Invest India made presentations.

With this event focused on specific sectors – pharmaceuticals, automobile, tourism, human resources and food processing - it is expected that B2B & people to people exchanges between India and Tochigi will witness a steady rise.

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