

India-Japan Education Summits in New Delhi and Hyderabad - Student Recruitment and Collaboration with Japanese universities- February 2015



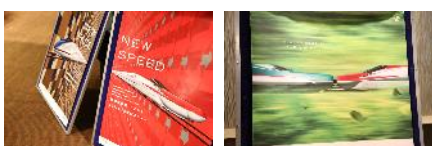
The India-Japan Education Summit, bringing together Japanese universities, students, parents, educators, and distinguished speakers took place in New Delhi and the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H) Campus on February 2 and February 4, 2015 respectively. There was a good turnout with 571 participants attending the event in New Delhi and 327 participants attending the one in IIT-H.

Higher education counseling

10 leading Japanese universities offering degree and non-degree programs taught in English set up counseling booths at both events, where professors and admissions staff interacted with students and visitors. Additionally government organizations such as the Embassy of Japan in India, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provided information on scholarships, internship programs and support services for international students in Japan.



At the counseling booth of The University of Tokyo



Posters of Shinkansen
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Japanese hi-tech

The summit showcased Japanese high technology by adopting Shinkansen (high speed trains) as the theme for the event. The keynote speech on high speed railway technology delivered by an official from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism outlined the advanced technology that makes Japanese bullet trains safe, punctual, energy efficient, reliable, and run extremely frequently.



Keynote Speech by Mr. Nagai (MLIT)

A networking lunch for a select group of stakeholders in the railway industry from Japan and India provided a platform for exchanging information on developing the high speed railway

industry in India. Mr. K.K.VARMA, Deputy General Manager of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation studying for a Master's degree in the Department of Civil Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo (UTokyo) gave a keynote speech about higher education and railways in Japan based upon his experiences.



Mr. K.K. Varma giving a speech at the networking lunch

Mr. Moharana, Director (Training), Ministry of Railways, then gave a speech about Human Resource Development followed by Prof. Roy, Centre for Railway Research, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-KGP) gave his presentation about academic collaboration between IIT-KGP and UTokyo.

Informative seminar program

Meanwhile distinguished academics and business leaders provided insights on the value of education in Japan at the seminar hall. Representatives from a wide range of Japanese multinational companies talked about careers and internship opportunities in their organizations. H.E. Mr. Ambassador Yagi, Vice Chancellor Dinesh Singh (University of Delhi)



Distinguished Guests
Vice Chancellor Dinesh Singh, H.E. Mr. Ambassador Yagi, and Prof. U.B. Desai
(left to right)

and Prof. U.B. Desai, Director, IIT Hyderabad were the chief guests at the summit.

An hour long panel discussion made up of an interesting mix of expert and young opinions, which included current Indian students in Japan, a research scientist engaged in collaborative research, and working professionals in Japanese multinational organizations. Dr. Gourab Majumdar, Fellow, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation moderated the panel in Delhi, while Prof. Nilesh J.Vasa, IIT Madras facilitated the discussion in Hyderabad.



Panel Discussion (in Delhi)

Parents and students in the audience were interested to know about the panelists' experiences in studying, working and living in Japan with

questions like: How did they find jobs? Was Indian vegetarian food easily available? Many visitors including the press continued talking to the panelists even after the session ended.



Panel Discussion (in Hyderabad)

A robotics workshop organized by LS Learning Systems Japan made the day-long events much more attractive. Around 320 high school students in New Delhi and 120 in Hyderabad enjoyed the workshop.



Students working on Robot Workshops in Hyderabad (Left) and Delhi (Right)