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THE INDIAN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION JAPAN
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25-12-2024

Greetings,

We are delighted to announce that Edogawa City Office, the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce Edogawa Chapter, and the Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan (ICIJ) have entered into a five-year agreement of comprehensive cooperation.

The signing ceremony was held at the Edogawa City Office. The event commenced at 10:15 AM, with the three representatives—Hon. Mr Takeshi Saito, Mayor of Edogawa Ward; Mr Jagmohan S. Chandrani, President of ICIJ; and Mr Katsuya Morimoto, Chairman of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce Edogawa Chapter—greeting each other. The agenda of the ceremony focused on the signing of the partnership agreement.

Mayor Takeshi Saito emphasised the importance of fostering mutual understanding and collaboration between Edogawa Ward and the Indian community, highlighting India's economic and cultural significance. He expressed hope that the agreement would strengthen regional connections, promote economic growth, and create a more vibrant and inclusive community.

Jagmohan S. Chandrani highlighted ICIJ's decade-long efforts to promote fair and balanced growth and invited Indian companies to Japan. He expressed gratitude to key supporters and emphasised the goal of strengthening economic and cultural exchanges in Edogawa through this partnership.

Katsuya Morimoto emphasised the role of the Edogawa Branch in fostering economic and cultural exchanges, leveraging the region's technical talent and potential for innovation. He expressed confidence that the agreement would drive economic revitalisation, community harmony, and technological advancements in Edogawa Ward.

The Partnership Agreement includes the following key areas of cooperation:

1. Matters related to regional economic development.
2. Exchange of human and intellectual resources related to education and research.
3. Participation in revitalising local communities.
4. Other matters related to the sustainable development of local activities.

After the speeches, the signing ceremony took place, during which all three representatives officially signed the agreement. This was followed by a group photo session, capturing the momentous occasion.

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A question-and-answer session with the press concluded the event. Representatives from three major media outlets—NHK, Tokyo Shinbun, and Nihon Keizai Shinbun—covered the session.

When asked why Edogawa City chose to enter into this agreement, the Mayor emphasised India's status as one of the world's most populous countries and an economic powerhouse, offering immense potential for collaboration. He also noted that ICIJ has a 100-year-old history and plays a pivotal role in promoting business exchanges between India and Japan.

The event concluded at 10:45 AM, marking the beginning of a promising collaboration aimed at fostering economic and cultural exchanges between Edogawa City and the Indian community in Japan.

For your information, an English translation of the press release dated December 16, 2024, is attached herewith. The photos of the signing ceremony are also attached for your kind reference.

ICIJ looks forward to serving the specific needs of each member and the Indian residents of Edogawa Ward.

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江戸川区 Press Release

令和6年12月16日（案）

Press Release Edogawa City

16th December 2024

Japan's First Comprehensive Partnership Agreement between Edogawa City, the Indian Commerce and Industry Association in Japan, and Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Edogawa Chapter on 25th December.

On December 25 (Wednesday), Edogawa City, the Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan (Chairperson: Mr. Jagmohan S. Chandrani), and Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Edogawa Chapter (Edogawa Branch Chairperson: Mr. Mori Masahide) will sign a comprehensive partnership agreement. This agreement aims to promote collaboration and exchanges between enterprises, facilitate local economic development, and enhance the vitality of community activities.

Background

As of November 1, 2024, the number of Indian residents in Edogawa City is 7,446, making it the largest Indian community in any municipality across Japan. Since the 2000s, the number of Indian residents has rapidly increased, partly due to the expansion of the IT industry and other professional fields. In addition, the establishment of Indian restaurants and stores has contributed to the development of a unique multicultural community.

The Indian Commerce and Industry Association in Japan, founded in 1921, supports the business activities of Indian enterprises in Japan across various sectors such as IT, trading, and manufacturing. The association fosters cooperation with Japanese companies to promote global business expansion.

The Edogawa Branch of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry provides a wide range of support to enterprises operating in the Edogawa area, including small and medium-sized businesses, to ensure regional economic development.

This partnership will enhance collaboration between Edogawa City, Indian enterprises, and local Japanese businesses. It aims to drive regional economic growth by promoting exchanges of business management expertise, technical innovations, and human resources between Indian and Japanese enterprises. Furthermore, education and research efforts will support the cultivation of global human resources, strengthening Edogawa City's role as a hub for international exchange.

Details of the Signing Ceremony

The signing ceremony will take place as follows:

Date: Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Time: 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM (*Please assemble by 10:00 AM.*)

Venue: Edogawa City Hall, 4th Floor, Conference Room 2-3 (1-4-1 Chuo, Edogawa City, Tokyo)

Agenda:

1. Signing of the Agreement
2. Commemorative Photo session
3. Greetings from Representatives

Contact for Media

Those interested in covering the event are requested to contact us by Monday, December 23.

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PHOTOS OF THE AGREEMENT ON
COMPREHENSIVE CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN EDOGAWA CITY OFFICE,
TOKYO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
EDOGAWA CHAPTER AND ICIJ- SIGNING
CEREMONY AT EDOGAWA CITY OFFICE

- 25-12-2024

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TAKESHI SAITO, MAYOR OF EDOGAWA WARD, ADDRESSED THE AUDIENCE DURING THE SIGNING CEREMONY.



J.S. CHANDRANI, PRESIDENT OF ICIJ, DELIVERS HIS ADDRESS DURING THE SIGNING CEREMONY AT THE EDOGAWA CITY OFFICE.

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KATSUYA MORIMOTO, CHAIRMAN OF THE TOKYO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDOGAWA CHAPTER, DELIVERING HIS SPEECH AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY



J.S. CHANDRANI, PRESIDENT OF ICIJ; TAKESHI SAITO, MAYOR OF EDOGAWA WARD; AND KATSUYA MORIMOTO, CHAIRMAN OF THE TOKYO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDOGAWA CHAPTER, SIGNING THE COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TOGETHER.

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J.S. CHANDRANI, PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION JAPAN (ICIJ); TAKESHI SAITO, MAYOR OF EDOGAWA WARD; AND KATSUYA MORIMOTO, CHAIRMAN OF THE TOKYO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDOGAWA CHAPTER HOLDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT DURING THE CEREMONY AT EDOGAWA CITY OFFICE ON DECEMBER 25, 2024.



REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 3 PARTIES JOIN HANDS TOGETHER: J.S. CHANDRANI, PRESIDENT OF ICIJ; TAKESHI SAITO, MAYOR OF EDOGAWA WARD; AND KATSUYA MORIMOTO, CHAIRMAN OF THE TOKYO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDOGAWA CHAPTER, JOIN HANDS TOGETHER IN SYMBOLIC SHOW OF MUTUAL SUPPORT.

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