

Joint Statement
on Japan-India Investment Promotion
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- The Minister of Commerce and Industry of India, H.E. Anand Sharma, and the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, H.E. Toshimitsu Motegi reaffirmed their expectation to advance cooperation between the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan in the framework of India's "National Manufacturing Policy" for enhancing bilateral investment and trade which would drive growth of both countries. They further expressed their expectation that both countries would continue to work closely for achieving an enabling predictability and transparency in terms of business environment as reflected in the joint statement on the occasion of the Japan-India summit meeting on May 29, 2013.
- Following up on the Joint Statement of 17th May, 2013, for supporting, inter alia, planned initiatives and projects designed to strengthen business partnerships, the Ministers reiterated the importance of investment promotion for the mutually beneficial development of both countries and agreed to deepen engagement with regard to measures for investment promotion and improvement in business environment in partnership with State Governments and enhancement of cooperation between two countries in the area of investment promotion.
- Both sides welcomed the establishment of frameworks which will contribute to investment promotion such as the "Manufacturing Industry Promotion Board (MIPB)" chaired by Minister Sharma. The two Ministers welcomed the progress made in electronics sector, after the Ministerial level interaction in February, 2013. A Japan Help Desk has been set-up in the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) with the mandate to facilitate Japanese companies in investing in electronics sector in India and steps have been taken to form a Joint Working Group (JWG) for greater cooperation in the IT and Electronics sector. Both sides have noted the idea to establish a Japanese Electronics Manufacturing Township with Japanese assistance in India with world class infrastructure and agreed to take this up in the forthcoming JWG.
- Both sides shared the view that industrial infrastructure is critically important for the expansion of foreign direct investments to India from Japanese companies and welcomed the substantial progress made in the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project, conceived as a symbol of Indo-Japan strategic partnership during the meeting of the Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, and the Prime Minister of India, H.E. Dr. Manmohan Singh on the occasion of the visit of the

Prime Minister of India to Tokyo in December, 2006. Both sides also welcomed the progress made in the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC) project initiated in 2011 with substantial reflection of the concepts arising out of cooperation between both countries in the DMIC project.

- Referring to the report “Challenges for India-Japan Investment Promotion Towards Expanding Exports through Investment“ by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), both sides also affirmed the importance of an all inclusive initiative to further facilitate investments besides the on-going initiatives in DMIC and CBIC projects.
- Both sides committed to the formulation of an Action Plan to promote two-way investments between India and Japan based on three pillars ; (1)India-Japan business partnership (2) Cooperation with Central and State Governments on Investment promotion and facilitation and (3) Improvement in business environment.
- Both sides also committed to review the progress of the Action Plan annually.

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Action Plan for Japan-India Investment Promotion

(1) India-Japan Business Partnership

- Japanese side will hold business matching activities for procurement of automobile parts and raw materials (matching between assemblers and automobile parts/raw materials suppliers) at Chennai and Pune in 2013 by JETRO towards further consolidation of supply chain networks between Japan and India.
- Japanese side will hold Japan-India Energy Exhibition (including business matching) in 2013 by JETRO and NEDO for the business alliances in energy saving sector.
- Japanese side will facilitate business matching between Indian business houses and Japanese companies in 2013 by JETRO in cooperation with Indian industry and Invest India, in order to enhance relationship between major business players of Japan and India.
- Both sides will facilitate business matching between Japan and India companies including those involved in creative industries.

(2) Cooperation with Central and State Governments on Investment promotion and facilitation

- Both sides will promote dissemination of investment information related to both Central and State Governments including investment rules, regulations, policies and procedures;
- Both sides will endeavour to establish institutional mechanisms and frameworks for exchange of views on issues related to investment among Government of Japan, Indian and Japanese businesses, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and State Governments.
- Japanese side will endeavour to provide information to Indian investors on all aspects of doing business in Japan, offer free temporary office space throughout Japan by JETRO, and receive any inquiries from Indian investors regarding investment in Japan to give assistance on individual case in cooperation with relevant ministries by JETRO.
- Japanese side will support Japanese SMEs' investment in India through the establishment of the SME Overseas Business Support Platform in Mumbai and Chennai by JETRO from 2013.
- Japanese side will support capacity enhancement of export supporting institutions such as Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) through JETRO in 2013.
- Both sides will initiate industrial human resource development utilizing The Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association (HIDA) programs to develop and upgrade skills and promote investments in India's manufacturing sector.
- Both sides will promote investment in India by Japanese companies which will

enable such companies to export from India to surrounding countries including countries in Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC).

(3) Improvement in business environment:

- Both sides will:
 - endeavour to create the necessary environment for investments, particularly in industrial parks and clusters.
 - endeavour to establish one-stop investment centres in the respective countries to provide assistance and advisory services to the business sectors including information on regulatory regimes, incentives, infrastructure and facilitation of operating licenses and permits.
 - endeavour to simplify procedures for investment applications and approvals.
 - endeavour to establish institutional mechanisms for facilitating approvals, clearances, registrations, filings etc.
 - cooperate for speedy infrastructure development in India through early realization of DMIC projects through periodic DMIC Task Force Meetings.
 - cooperate for speedy infrastructure development in India acceleration of smart community projects through periodic meetings of the Smart Community Working Group.
- Both sides reaffirmed the desire of the two countries to continue to work closely to achieve an enabling predictability and transparency in terms of business environment including tax administration which is conducive to India Japan economic cooperation and greater flow of investment, technology and services between the two countries.