

**Address by Ambassador SUZUKI Satoshi
at the Inauguration Ceremony of KAI - JIM**

Kai Manufacturing India Pvt Ltd,
Neemrana Industrial Complex, Japanese Zone, Rajasthan
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Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

(Introduction)

Namaskar and Konnichiwa to all.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Kai India
for organizing this Inauguration ceremony of KAI - JIM.

**(Japan's contribution in the field of Human Resources
Development)**

First of all, I would like to touch upon a genesis of the
scheme of JIM, that is, Japan-India Institute for
Manufacturing. In November 2016, the Memorandum of
Cooperation was signed between India's Ministry of Skill
Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Japan's

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) with an aim to offer opportunities to train 30,000 floor leaders and engineers who meet the Japanese standard for manufacturing and services in the next 10 years.

JIM has been promoted as one of the concrete programs to achieve this goal with the cooperation of METI and AOTS (Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnership). Since 2017, more than one thousand students have successfully completed this program across India. I sincerely congratulate the establishment of the 19th JIM, KAI-JIM, and hope that it will contribute significantly to advancing this endeavor.

Human resources development is one of the most important elements that will create a much needed basis of further industrial development. The Government of Japan remains fully committed to continuing to render necessary support to Japanese companies for making further investment in India. From the viewpoint of human resources development, JIM aims at educating young Indians the Japanese-style of discipline and manufacturing skills. At the same time, through this program, we would like to raise the overall level of manufacturing-related human resources in India and thus contribute to the "Make in India" and "Skill India" initiatives advocated by Honorable Prime Minister Modi.

(Activities in India of Kai Corporation)

As a comprehensive cutlery company, Kai Corporation is

one of the finest manufactures in Japan with high reputaion. I understand Kai India started their activities in India in 2012 and has manufactured mainly three products in India: nail clippers, razors, and kitchen knives by using Japanese product names.

It should be noted with high appreciation that Kai India has contributed to India not only in manufacturing products but also in enhancing hygiene control. Specifically, the company is working towards improving Indian daily hygiene practices through the development of special nail clippers for the Indians. As people in India use their hands for eating as a common practice, the company is providing special nail clippers with picks that can remove dirt from between their nails. I would like to commend Kai India for their contribution to the "Achhi Aadat (Good Habit)" Campaign by JICA India Office by free distribution of this nail clippers to schools and police. I am convinced that this is another effective approach to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases.

(Closing)

The coming year 2022 will mark the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Japan and India. We have decided to celebrate this auspicious year under the theme of **“Building a future for our Centenary,”** manifesting our hope that our friendship and partnership would grow even stronger towards the 100th anniversary and beyond. I am confident that today's event and the coming commemorative year will further strengthen the partnership between India and Japan.

I would like to conclude my address by offering my best wishes for the great success of Kai India and all the Indian students who are willing to learn in its JIM program.

Thank you very much.