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Promoting Environmental Sustainability through Quality Solutions



On April 22, 2019, JICA celebrated World Earth Day by providing strategic counsel to India by reaffirming its commitment towards holistic development. JICA is striving to promote environmental harmony in India, along with robust social and economic growth, through their projects in India.

Speaking on the occasion of World Earth Day, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India Office, said, "We understand the need for developing sustainable solutions for India and have therefore provided strategic counsel for smart innovations to safeguard the environment. We are collectively working on programs that build capacity to improve the environment. The idea is to employ a holistic approach to safeguard Mother Nature and to mitigate the effects of climate change."

A farmer standing in his turmeric crop with his wife in Ambota Village, Una (Himachal Pradesh) where his agricultural productivity has been enhanced through JICA supported Swan River Integrated Watershed Management Project

India- Japan Joint Research Program launched to Create Innovative Solution for Severe Traffic Congestion



Mr. Kenichi Kono, Representative, JICA India making a speech at the meeting for launching of field-test at IIT-H

On May 28, 2019, the field-test bed system of the joint research project "Multi Modal Smart Transportation (M2Smart)" was launched at Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H). This India- Japan joint research project has been designed collaboratively by Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as a scheme of "Science Technology Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS)". It has been jointly undertaken by IIT-H, Nagoya Electric works Co. Ltd., Nihon University and Tokyo Institute of Technology.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, "Enhancing the academia - Industry network between Japan and India is one of the most important element for both countries' long term benefit. In this connection, JICA has been engaging in various initiatives with IIT-H, and IIT-H has become a very crucial platform for both countries. This joint research project is also one of the important joint projects between IIT-H and Japanese academia and industries, and is planned to last until March 2022. It is hoped that by utilizing the field test bed system launched today, research teams of Japan and India will continue to work together to create reliable approach for grasping the traffic situation in the cities in India, which would contribute to the formation of suitable urban transportation system and facilitation of a modal shift."

Japanese Companies Present their Special Technologies for Sewerage Treatment



Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto making a speech at the workshop

On May 30, 2019, JICA and Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD) held the "Workshop on Japanese Technologies for Sewerage Treatment and Related Facilities; Project for Pollution Abatement of Nag River at Nagpur" in Maharashtra. 13 Japanese companies delivered presentations of their special technologies on wastewater treatment, membrane process, sludge treatment, sewer pipe replacement and toilet facilities.

The objective of the workshop was to introduce Japanese technologies in India and to facilitate interactions with Government of India and prominent Indian companies.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India, said, "This is the first commemorative moment for JICA India Office to convene such kind of workshop to introduce Japanese technologies in India. We would highly appreciate the participations from various stakeholders, especially for those who came all the way from Japan to share their knowledge and experiences with Indian partners. We have invited renowned Indian companies in water and sanitation sector, besides Indian governmental agencies. We hope the workshop would provide an opportunity for new partnerships of two countries to address the water and sanitation issues in India."

Reinforcing Commitment to Sustainable Environmental Development in India



Women making brooms with broom grass which is one of the most important and naturally available non-timber forest produces of Tripura under the Tripura Forest Environmental Improvement and Poverty Alleviation Project

On June 5, 2019, JICA celebrated the World Environment Day by sharing the environmental health and ecosystem vitality of India, which are core of all supported projects. JICA aims to contribute to positive change in these dimensions through its supported projects. It is striving to promote environmental harmony in India through sustainable development. This is why sustainability is at the heart of all of JICA's projects.

Speaking on the occasion of World Environment Day, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India, said,

"JICA understands the need to develop sustainable solutions for India and we provide strategic counsel for smart innovations to safeguard the environment. Our Projects in India like the metro rail projects, forestry projects, water and sewerage projects and the program for Japan-India Cooperative Actions towards Sustainable Development Goals, work towards protecting the environment. The idea is to employ a holistic approach to curb the environmental issues, including climate change."

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Supporting India for Capacity Development on Railway Safety



The attendees of both Japanese side and Indian side attended the JCC meeting

On June 20, 2019, JICA and Ministry of Railways (MoR), Government of India (GOI) held the 2nd Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting for Capacity Development on Railway Safety to review and discuss the current and future activities. The Technical Cooperation (TC) project that commenced in December 2018, would be implemented during the next one and half years. This TC is expected to enhance the capacities of the Indian Railways (IR) and the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) with regard to safety of the railways network, especially in the fields of Rails welding, Track maintenance, Rolling stock maintenance, Accident Investigation and Safety management.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, "The Indian railway network is one of the largest in the world, therefore appropriate maintenance for safer and reliable operations has got utmost priority. Through this TC Project, JICA Experts and Indian side are jointly working and currently planning training programs in Japan for sharing Japanese knowledge and experiences in various aspect of railway safety. We expect that the training programs in Japan for Accident Investigation, scheduled in early July, would be functionally useful for IR and DFCCIL to promote safe operations. "

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