

Edogawa Ward, Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan (ICIJ), and Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Edogawa Branch

Comprehensive Partnership Agreement Council –

Minutes of the Meeting – March 5, 2025

Tripartite Collaboration Agreement Council Meeting

Meeting Details

- **Date & Time:** March 5, 2025 (Wednesday), 14:00 – 15:50
 - **Venue:** Industrial Promotion Center
 - **Participants:** 12 attendees (See attached list)
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Meeting Proceedings

Opening Remarks

- **Speaker:** Mr. Kimura, Head of the Industrial Promotion Division
- Referenced the January lecture by economist Nagahama at the district executive meeting.
- Emphasized India's leadership in the global economy and the significance of strengthening relations with the India Chamber of Commerce in Japan.
- Encouraged open idea exchange to create successful case studies based on the agreement.

Introduction of Attendees

- **Key Participants:**
 - **Mr. J.S. Chandrani (President, Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan (ICIJ):** Provided a historical overview (established in 1921).
 - **Mr. Pawar (ICIJ Secretary):** Non-Japanese speaker.
 - **Mr. Kanamori (Friends of the UN):** Discussed separate agreements with Edogawa Ward and collaboration with the SDGs Promotion Center.

- **Mr. Ishii (Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Edogawa Branch):** Expressed expectations for business, human resource, and cultural exchange with India.
 - **Edogawa Ward Officials:** Ishikawa (Section Chief), Kurosawa (Senior Staff), Fukuda, Takekoshi, Kohama (Section Chief), and Seki (Education Guidance Supervisor).
 - **Mr. Ishigami (Tokyo Information Design Professional University):** Attended as an observer.
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Overview of Participating Organizations

1. **Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan (ICIJ)**
 2. **Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Edogawa Branch**
 3. **Edogawa Ward Government**
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Meeting Objectives & Process

- Aim to hold at least one meeting per year.
 - Start with an information exchange among organizations.
 - Conduct discussions on key initiatives.
 - Consider projects that can be implemented from FY 2025 (Reiwa 7).
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Organizational Activity Reports

Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan (ICIJ)

- A business-focused organization with approximately 50 core member companies.
- Expanding from trade to manufacturing.
- Close relationship with the Indian Embassy in Japan.
- Organizes annual events related to Gandhi (Birth Anniversary: Oct 2, Death Anniversary: Jan 29).
- Holds board meetings every three months.
- Preparing for the Indian Prime Minister's visit to Japan in 2025.
- Supports business professionals and their daily lives.
- Supports operations of Indian schools in Japan.

- Promotes academic collaboration between universities.

Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Edogawa Branch

- Established by Eiichi Shibusawa, focused on aggregating public opinion.
- Headquarters in Marunouchi; branch history explained.
- Engaged in business support using Tokyo Metropolitan Government subsidies.
- Additional activities funded by membership fees.
- Conducts business support, policy advocacy, and regional development.

Edogawa Ward

Industrial Promotion & Business Support Initiatives

- Economic and business development projects.

Education-Related Activities

- Cooperation between the Board of Education and local schools.
- International exchange activities (sister school agreements with Hawaii and Vietnam).
- Proposal for outreach programs on Indian culture.
- Potential industry visits and experiential learning programs.

Tokyo Information Design Professional University

- Specializes in IT engineer training.
- Conducts two-month-long internships.
- Strengthening industry collaborations.
- Recruiting faculty and researchers (especially in IT and information science).

Collaborative Ideas & Initiatives

- **Lecture by the President of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Edogawa Branch.**
- **Sharing information on government subsidies.**

- **Participation in major events:**
 - **“Industrial Tokimeki Fair”** – India business booths.
 - **“Tokyo Diwali Festa Nishikasai”** – Promote Indian businesses and cultural exchange.
 - **Support for foreign talent matching services.**
 - **Encouraging companies to register with the Edogawa Industrial Navigation platform.**
 - **Participation in the “Kingyo Festival” (Goldfish Festival) with Indian food vendors.**
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School-Related Proposals

- **Encouraging exchanges between Indian and Japanese schools.**
 - **Hosting summer camps and online cultural exchanges.**
 - **Developing a homestay program for students.**
 - **Sending Japanese students to Indian summer schools.**
 - **Exploring possibilities for cultural festival collaborations.**
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Proposed Initiatives for FY 2025

1. **India booth participation at the “Industrial Tokimeki Fair.”**
2. **Participation in “Tokyo Diwali Festa Nishikasai.”**

The meeting concluded with an agreement to proceed with these initiatives and check with participating organizations by mid-to-late March. Additionally, a mailing list will be created to ensure efficient communication among stakeholders.

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Attendee List

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No.	Organization	Position	Name	Attendance	Remarks
1	Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan (ICIJ)	President	Jagmohan S. Chandrani	✓	
2	Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan (ICIJ)	Secretariat	Priyesh Pawar	✓	
3	Friends of the United Nations	Representative Director	Takahiro Kanamori	✓	Observer
4	Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Edogawa Branch	Secretary-General	Go Ishii	✓	
5	Edogawa Ward – Industrial Promotion Division	Division Manager	Hiroyuki Kimura	✓	
6	Edogawa Ward – Industrial Promotion Division	Section Chief	Ryo Ishikawa	✓	
7	Edogawa Ward – Industrial Promotion Division	Senior Staff	Hiroki Kurosawa	✓	
8	Edogawa Ward – Industrial Promotion Division	Chief	Koki Fukuda	✓	
9	Edogawa Ward – Industrial	Staff	Masaki Takekoshi	✓	

	Promotion Division				
10	Edogawa Ward – Business Support Division	Section Chief	Yasuhiro Kohama	✓	
11	Edogawa Ward – Education Guidance Division	Educational Supervisor	Naoya Seki	✓	Observer
12	Tokyo Information Design Professional University (TID)	Director of the Educational Affairs Department	Takahiro Ishigami	✓	Observer

✓ = Present
