

## Japan-India Sustainability Alliance (JISA)

Report-Launch Ceremony of JISA, Japan Chapter



# Welcome



Inauguration- "JISA Japan Chapter"

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A significant milestone was reached on **April 17th**, **2024**, as the **University of Tsukuba**,



Ibaraki, Japan, witnessed the inception of a groundbreaking initiative- "Japan India Sustainability Alliance (JISA)", with clear aims to nurture a new era of bilateral, socio-economic, and cultural relations

between the two democratic nations-"India and Japan".

modest In a yet meaningful ceremony held at the captivating campus of the University of Tsukuba, distinguished guests, including Honorable Sibi George, the



**Indian High Commissioner to Japan,** and numerous other dignitaries, gathered for the inauguration of **JISA, Japan Chapter.** 

Commenting on the global geopolitical landscape, **Ambassador Sibi George**, the **Chief Guest** of the event, emphasized the timeliness of such a purpose-driven initiative from the private sector. He underscored the importance of fostering connections between *civil societies (CSOs/NGOs)*, academia, and the private sector in Japan and India, particularly



in the realm of **sustainability** with **people-topeople** engagement with focus on **young population** from both sides.

Ambassador Sibi George also noted the growing interest in sports development, peace, and innovation and the scope of collaboration between the two nations, citing the construction of a new cricket stadium in Sano, Japan, as a testament to their shared cultural exchange. He commended the efforts of *Dr. Anil Jaggi*, the Founder of JISA, *Prof.* 

*Randeep Rakwal*, and all stakeholders of JISA involved for their dedication & passion to support global goals aligned with the **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).** 

In welcome address, Dr. Anil Jaggi, Fellow of the Japan India Transformative

**Technology** Network (IITTN-23)/Salzburg Global Seminar and Founder of JISA, outlined the future roadmap of JISA as an inclusive, cooperative, platform aimed at fostering collaboration among like-minded organizations, professionals, academia, and civil society groups. He emphasized JISA's mission to contribute meaningfully to the creation of inclusive, peaceful, and sustainable societies for a healthier & happier planet.



Recognizing the deep-rooted ties, shared values, and rich cultural heritage of both



nations, Dr. Randeep Rakwal, Co-Founder-JISA & Professor at University of Tsukuba underscored the need for strengthening their strategic partnerships. emphasized the importance He responsible and ethical business practices by engaging young students & social entrepreneurs, and with matching investments achieve sustainable to development goals Close (SDGs). networking and collaboration between Indian and Japanese universities are crucial

at this stage to build on **knowledge based economy** and new age **research work** in order to achieve SDGs, noted Prof. Rakwal.

**Dr. Himangana Gupta**, Research Fellow at the **UN University**, Tokyo, presented her work on "*Re-Imagining Well Being Beyond GDP - Framing in the context of India-Japan*," aligning with the Indian philosophy of "**Vasudev Kutumbhkam**" (*World is One Family*).





Mr. Masato Seko, Senior Director of The Nippon Foundation, Japan, expressed his optimism about this new initiative "JISA" & to develop peopleto-people connections & also spoke about "Catalyzing Resilient Japan-India relationship- Role of philanthropy and non-governmental entities," highlighting the projects undertaken by The Nippon Foundation in India.



**Mr. Aya Goto**, Senior Vice President of **GPF**, emphasized the importance of world peace, harmony and outlined the work of the Global Peace Foundation in peacebuilding efforts, particularly focusing on engaging the young population from both sides. Mr. Goto also spoke about their "Global Peace Leadership Conference" held in Delhi last year.

**Dr. Tomoko Imai**, Fellow of *JITTN/Salzburg Global Seminar*, discussed the work being done with Indian and Japanese schools to realize a peaceful solution for happy, healthy and empathetic world through education. An ongoing





"ICEE" project between **Jiyugaoka Gakuen High School**, Tokyo, **Bombay International School** and **Green Field School** (*Inclusive education*) was also shared by Dr. Imai under *Salzburg Global Seminar & The Nippon foundation project*.

Dr. N.K. Janarthanan, Deputy Director of the



Institute of Global
Environme
ntal
Strategies
(IGES),
Tokyo,
shared his
views on the



challenges of climate change and clean energy, emphasizing the potential for collaboration between India and Japan on this futuristic subject under new and visionary leadership from Govt., academia and Pvt Sector.



Ms. Sha Tomobe, Program Development Coordinator-Education at GPF International, Japan, spoke on Youth Leadership Development in Peacebuilding, highlighting the importance of education in impacting SDGs.



Dr. Abdessalem Rabhi, Program Manager



at the **Institute of Global Environment Strategies (IGES), Japan**, shared his knowledge & rich experience with the **Japan-India Technology Matching Platform (JITMAP),** emphasizing the opportunities & scope of collaboration in various emerging

sectors.

**Dr. Yashwant Dev Pawar**, Counsellor (Science & Technology) at the Science and Technology Wing, **Indian Embassy, Japan**, elaborated on the science and technology exchange programs between India and Japan & extending his wishes to JISA team for their innovative & collaborative initiative.



**Sport Innovation),** University of Tsukuba, **Sarah Sidibe**, shared her enriching experience &



investments (VCs) in FinTech sectors.



International Student of GSI (Global



**NIS Patiala, India**, and discussed the potential of emerging partnerships in sports related sectors between India and Japan.

**Dr. Rajneesh Kumar**, a native Indian based in Tokyo, shared his rich experience & successful journey as entrepreneur in Japan. Its right time to develop new work culture between two nations with focus of young startups and

fruitful time spent at Mr. Amit Kumar Singh, Fellow of JITTN-24/Salzburg Global Seminar, expressed

optimism to build on JISA's mission and assured his support in the coming years.

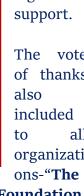
The vote of thanks was given by another International Student, Sukrit Jaggi from "University of Tsukuba", thanking everyone present both online and offline. Special thanks were extended to the Management of the University of Tsukuba for providing the venue and to a team of young

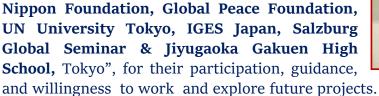


volunteers/students for their management,

technical. and logistic

The vote of thanks also included to all organizati







Special thanks was extended for team "Salzburg Global Seminar" under the leadership of Mr. Charles Ehrlich, Mr. Ian Brown & Ms Madhumitha







The virtual session witnessed participation from a diverse array of stakeholders,



including civil society organizations, academia, and representatives from Indian states such as Uttarakhand, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, and Punjab. Notable figures such as Hari Raj Singh, Pramod Sharma of Yuvsatta and Arun Singh, sustainability ambassadors of JISA, along with Dr. TV Murlidharan from Marian College Kerala, Bhavesh Rathore of IColab, Manish CompanyCSR and educators from Green Field School Dehradun, India shared

their insights and perspectives.

In closing remarks by JISA's Sustainability Ambassador **Dr. Brij Mohan Sharma** echoed the sentiments of unity, collaboration, and shared responsibility, encapsulating the spirit of the **Japan India Sustainability Alliance (JISA)** and the promising future it holds for both nations.

### Program's Glimpses





Group Pictures



#### Media Coverage







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# Special Thanks for young volunteers & partners

























#### Celebration





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