



Japan- India Sustainability Alliance (JISA)

Report-Launch Ceremony of JISA, Japan Chapter

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JAPAN-INDIA SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE

Let's **Connect Cooperate Collaborate**

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WELCOME

Inauguration- "JISA Japan Chapter"

Wednesday 17th April 2024
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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**”.



In a modest 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-to-people** 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 (JITTN-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 further strengthening their **strategic partnerships**. He emphasized the importance of responsible and ethical business practices by engaging **young students & social entrepreneurs**, and with matching investments to achieve *sustainable development goals (SDGs)*. Close 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 Kutumbkam**" (*World is One Family*).





Mr. Masato Seko, Senior Director of **The Nippon Foundation, Japan**, expressed his optimism about this new initiative “JISA” & to develop people-to-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 Environmental 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.



International Student of **GSi (Global**



Sport Innovation), University of Tsukuba, **Sarah Sidibe**, shared her enriching experience & fruitful time spent at



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

investments (VCs) in FinTech sectors.

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

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 support.

The vote of thanks also included to all organizations-“The

Nippon Foundation, Global Peace Foundation, UN University Tokyo, IGES Japan, Salzburg Global Seminar & Jiyugaoka Gakuen High School, Tokyo”, for their participation, guidance, and willingness to work and explore future projects.



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



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Eminent citizens of Utkhand participate



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business with higher purpose



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