

**Embassy of India  
Tokyo**

**Remarks of Ambassador of India to Japan H.E. Shri Sibi George at  
'TITP & SSW – Experience Sharing'  
on August 30, 2023**

Representatives from Government of Sikkim, NSDC, CII, JITCO, NAVIS, JACEEX Ventures.

Dear Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Skilled Workers mobility has acquired salience and is integral to India-Japan bilateral dialogue at all levels. With its large, educated and skilled demographic dividend, India's skilled workforce is contributing to innovation, research, economic growth and development globally. India and Japan, therefore, are natural partners in skill development and resource complementarity.

2. On August 4, 2023, we launched an "India-Japan Skill Connect", which was graced by Minister of State for Skill development and CIT from India and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Parliamentary Vice Ministers from Ministry of Justice and Health, Labor and Welfare from Government of Japan. This event also saw participation of 159 Japan-based companies from sectors such as consulting, IT, HR, manufacturing, etc. A Skill Facilitation Cell was also launched at the Embassy of India, Tokyo. Today's seminar on TITP and SSW is a natural progression in the series of Skill development focused events that the Embassy had announced to organise. We recently organized a Business Seminar-cum - Skill development event in the Prefecture of Chiba and next month we shall replicate the same in the Prefecture of Fukuoka.

3. Today's event focuses on experience sharing under Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) and Semi Skilled Workers (SSW). We have with us distinguished speakers and panelists, who would delve more on the critical aspects of these two legal pathways available to Indian Skilled and Semi Skilled Workers to migrate to Japan. I am happy to note that

Government of Sikkim, from the North-east of India has agreed to nominate a senior representative to join virtually, as also the representatives of NSDC and CII from India. I am also delighted to see our Japanese organisations partnering with us to make the event successful.

4. Friends, India would soon host the G20 Leaders Summit, which would see participation of nearly 40 Heads of States and Governments, including that of Prime Minister Kishida of Japan. The three priority areas of discussion for the G-20 Employment Working Group meetings have been (a) Addressing global skill gaps; (b) Gig and platform economy and Social Platform (c) sustainable Financing of Social Security. We are also engaged with the Japanese side for enhancing educational linkages and training of professionals in India in Japanese language, with a view to increasing number of Indians skilled workforce under the TITP and SSW. Our aim is to aggregate the demand and develop a critical mass of available Indian Skilled and Semi Skilled workforce for the Japanese market, with an underlying objective of enhancing people-to-people exchanges, thereby supplanting the “India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership”.

5. I wish today’s deliberations all the success and hope that the outcome would help in generating sufficient awareness of availability of skilled and semi skilled workforce from India for Japanese businesses and society.

6. Thank You!

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