

**Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Sibi George at
India Business seminar in Yamanashi Prefecture**
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Mr. Kotaro Nagasaki, Hon'ble Governor, Yamanashi Prefecture
Representatives from METI, JETRO, and others present,
Representatives of Japanese Industry,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning.

It is both an honor and a privilege to join you today in the beautiful landscapes of Yamanashi Prefecture. As the Ambassador of India to Japan, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Governor Nagasaki and his team for their warm hospitality and their steadfast leadership in nurturing the India–Yamanashi partnership.

Today's gathering is not only a celebration of friendship between India and Japan but also of growing ties between Yamanashi Prefecture and the State of Uttar Pradesh. I fondly recall that in December 2024, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Governor Nagasaki signed a Memorandum of Understanding focused on cooperation in industry, tourism, vocational education, and cultural exchange. Governor Nagasaki expressed admiration for India's civilizational heritage and extended a gracious invitation to Hon'ble CM Shri Yogi Adityanath to visit Yamanashi—underlining the deep-rooted trust and shared vision that characterizes this partnership.

Further, in February 2025, Vice-Governor Ko Osada of Yamanashi visited Uttar Pradesh and met with CM Yogi Adityanath to explore avenues for collaboration in green hydrogen technology, investment, education, tourism, and employment exchange. It was announced that around 250 CEOs from Japan would visit UP to assess investment opportunities—particularly in renewable energy, green hydrogen- and open pathways for youth employment and skill exchange.

Tourism infrastructure is another field where efforts are being made by both sides, to encourage tourism between Yamanashi and Uttar Pradesh's Buddhist Circuit—connecting cultural and sacred sites from Sarnath to Kushinagar and beyond.

Most recently, in July 2025, high-level delegations from Uttar Pradesh led by Mr. Suresh Kumar Khanna, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Uttar Pradesh and by Mr. Awanish Awasthi, Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, along with Invest UP officials, visited Yamanashi to further deepen in green hydrogen and renewable energy. During this visit, the delegation toured cutting-edge facilities.

These visits paved the way for a landmark announcement: Japanese entrepreneurs will establish a Centre of Excellence for green hydrogen in Uttar Pradesh, a significant step toward advancing clean energy innovation and combining Yamanashi's expertise in green hydrogen and industrial technology paired with Uttar Pradesh's ambition to become a global clean-energy hub and tourism destination forms a powerful synergy.

I am also happy to note that DENSO Corporation, a Japanese automotive technology leader, has announced plans is investing ₹250 crore (2.5 billion rupees) to establish a new motor generator manufacturing plant in Gautam Buddha Nagar in Uttar Pradesh. This investment is specifically aimed at producing components for hybrid and electric vehicles—underscoring the growing industrial collaboration between Yamanashi prefecture and Uttar Pradesh.

These visits and agreements represent more than bilateral cooperation—they symbolize a regional partnership based on innovation, sustainability, and human exchange. Yamanashi's expertise in advanced technologies, such as hydrogen fuel cells and renewable energy, complements India's ambitious goals under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership to achieve net-zero emissions and foster sustainable development.

Friends, today, we find ourselves at a defining moment in India's journey—a period that our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has aptly termed "Amrit Kaal," which spans from 2022 to 2047, with 2047 marking the 100th year of India's independence. Amrit Kaal is not just a timeframe; it is a vision for transforming India into a fully developed, inclusive, and self-reliant nation. And partnership between Uttar Pradesh and Yamanashi prefecture can become an model of prefecture-state collaboration and help realize this vision.

In the last two years, I have traveled extensively in Japan, visited the 47 prefectures, met with Governors, Mayors of important cities, Speakers of Legislative assemblies, Chambers of commerce, Media houses and Universities. I can say with conviction that the sentiment towards India is very positive, but there is need for constructive effort to convert this opportunity into outcomes. Today, there are 1500 Japanese companies in India, we need to increase this to 15,000. We need a Quantum Leap.

The future looks bright for this partnership. Let us continue building on the MoUs already signed, transforming them into actionable programs, exchange visits, and joint projects. Let us encourage educational institutions in both regions to establish student and faculty exchange programs, especially in green hydrogen and vocational training. Let us promote tourism ties—Yamanashi's natural beauty and cultural festivals complement Uttar Pradesh's spiritual heritage and ancient traditions. And above all, let us empower the next generation as the bridge between India and Japan.

In closing, I congratulate Governor Nagasaki, and all stakeholders on the remarkable progress thus far. I would like to reaffirm India's commitment to deepening this partnership. Let us continue to work together, leveraging our complementary strengths in technology, innovation, and culture, to create a brighter, more sustainable future for our people and beyond.

Thank You.
