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The “Seminar towards Environmentally Friendly Toilet Waste Water Treatment System”, an introduction to the Japanese firm Taisei Kougyou Co., Ltd.’s waste water treatment technology called “Tafgard” and Taisei Soil System (TSS), was held at the headquarters of the Society for Technology and Action for Rural Advancement (TARA) in New Delhi. The seminar highlighted the challenges that India faces as it continues to implement the Swachh Bharat Mission and address the national challenges of wastewater treatment, sanitation, and hygiene. With participants and presenters from both public and private Indian and Japanese organizations, the seminar organized by Taisei Kougyou and TARA.

The seminar was co-hosted and organized by Taisei Kougyou and TARA. In his opening remarks, TARA’s CEO, Mr. Shaikhaan Patara, stressed the importance not only of scalable technologies like TSS, but also of inter-organizational collaborations and, in particular, the central role of municipal corporations in waste management. After some welcoming remarks from the President of Taisei Kougyou, Mr. Hiyoshi Mihara, presentations were made by numerous speakers, including Dr. Ramakant, Deputy Advisor (Public Health Engineering), Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization, Ministry of Urban Development, Dr. K. Vijayakrishmi, Vice President, Development Alternatives Group, Dr. N.B. Macumdar, Director General, Sultchal International and various members of the Indian and Japanese project team.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Takuma Sakamoto, Chief Representative, JICA India Office emphasized the importance of the availability of proper toilets, JICA’s contributions to India in this regard, and the sustainability of TSS. The seminar was followed by a visit to the pilot project site of TSS in the Ghiorani area of New Delhi where participants were able to view the installation firsthand and better grasp the potential applicability of the technology. JICA is supporting Taisei’s study for introducing more eco-friendly advanced toilet system in India.

During FY 2016-17, JICA extended a total of aggregate of 308,762 million Japanese yen for loan assistance to 8 projects in various sectors, including Transport, Water & Sanitation, Forestry and Agriculture, and Investment Promotion Loan by signing respective Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan agreements with the Government of India and Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRIDA). In the past few years, the economic partnership between India and Japan has gradually progressed, which has further strengthened the diplomatic relationship between the two countries.

Various JICA signed ODA loan agreements for FY 2016-17 in India are as follows:

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Note: The date of LA Signing is March 31, 2017. *The exchange rate for JPY 1 = INR 1.68 is used to calculate.
**JICA signed with MMRIDA For further details on the project LA signings, please visit our website page https://www.jica.go.jp/India/english/office/topics/press.html

Mr. Takuma Sakamoto, Chief Representative, JICA India Office with Mr. S. Selvakumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) at the Loan Agreement Signing Ceremony.
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From January 11 to 13, 2017 the 9th Annual Workshop on JICA assisted Forestry and Natural Resource Management Projects titled “Sustainable Forest Management with People’s Participation and Modernization of Management” was organized in Kolkata/Sundarban by West Bengal Forest Department with the support from JICA. “The workshop entailed deliberations on issues, challenges and opportunities pertaining to Sustainable Forest Management through People’s Participation, Livelihood Development, Institutional Development through Capacity Building and Technology - Based Forest Management systems in JICA assisted forestry and natural resource management projects in India.

Ms. Sachiko Imoto, Senior Representa- tive, JICA addressed the delegates on how JICA being the largest donor to the forestry and natural resource management sector in India for long years, has been associated and contributed to the West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Project. She showcased JICA’s focus and commitment towards enhancing environmental conditions for the people of India through various JICA projects leading to increased forest cover, effective soil and moisture conservation, livelihood and capacity development of communities on the forest fringes and the introduction of technology-based management processes. Mr. Vineet Sarin, Additional Chief Development Specialist, JICA India Office made the lead presentation on JICA’s experience and perspective on sustainable forest management. Officials of State Forest Departments from Meghalaya, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka participated in the workshop.

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Poverty reduction through economic development is the key focus of JICA’s work. As one of the approach of this focus, JICA supported Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development (DoFWAD) of Government of Madhya Pradesh, Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (JNVV), and Rajmata Vijay Raje Scindia Krishi Vidyapeeth (RJVS) to implement Technical Cooperation Project titled “Project for Maximization of Soybean Production in Madhya Pradesh.” From June 2011 to February 2017. The project aims at establishing soybean cultivation system for small and poor farmers and increasing productivity of the soybean production.

As results of experiments in the fields of JNVV, RJVS, and farmers in the different areas of Madhya Pradesh, the Project has achieved to establish the technologies which can double the productivity of soybean production from about 1 ton/hectare (t/ha) to about 2 t/ha (In certain areas, it was nearly tripled). These technologies have been compiled as a guidebook of “Soybean Production Field Book” for the use of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK), extension officers of DoFWAD as well as soybean farmers so as for further dissemination.

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On February 3, 2017, CII organized the 2nd Champions for Societal Manufacturing (CSM) Summit celebrating the 10 years of Visionary Leaders for Manufacturing (VLFM) / Champions for Societal Change (CSM) towards “Make in India” at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Mr. Sakamoto addressed the delegates and spoke about how VLFM/CSM network has been developed and enhanced in Indian Industries with more than 5,100 participants since 2007. He appreciated contributions of all the partners, including Indian Industries and CII, Academia from IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Madras and IIM-Calcutta, and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP). Mr. Sakamoto also spoke highly of dedicated efforts in the field of CSM by industry groups such as TVS Group, Sona Group, Anand Group, Godrej & Boyce, and Tata Motors.

He emphasized that CSM will make a great contribution to the “Make in India” initiative. This Project has been producing visionary leaders for the manufacturing sector for CSM Projects. These leaders are realizing manufacturing industries to contribute to the society with the new Indian way of management that they have learned through the Project. Mr. Sakamoto also spoke of JICA’s commitment towards enhancing partnership of public and private sectors in India and specified that JICA will continue to work on CSM Projects which are the symbol of Indo-Japan partnership.

JICA Promoted Intensive Discussions on the Issue of Air Pollution: Effects and Challenges for Better Air

JICA Alumni Association of India (JAAI), an association of JICA training ex-participants, organized an international seminar in New Delhi on February 12, 2017, with the support of JICA on the effects and challenges faced due to severe air pollution. The seminar was focused on possible health effects from air pollution and introduced case studies, with hints and lessons learned, and counter measures which were derived from and taken in other coun-tries through JICA’s assistance projects. Nearly one hundred participants, including attachés from the Embassy of Japan, proactively participated in the discussions about the possibility of future collaboration between Japan and India to tackle the current air pollution situation in Delhi.

Mr. Sakamoto shared JCAI’s experiences for easing air pollution in other coun-tries, such as Mongolia, Thailand and China. Through these experiences, Mr. Sakamoto strongly recommended to take comprehensive approach with various stakeholders, including govern-ment, private sector, research institute and citizens, and additionally highlight-ed the importance of scientific analysis of the causes of air pollution as the essential first step to consider the appropriate measures.

From Lt. R.: Dr. Pradeep Gupta, Secretary, JAAI; Dr. D.P. Dewal, President, JAAI; Mr. Takeshi Sakamoto, Chief Representative, JICA India Office; Mr. Satoshi Watanabe, Deputy Director, Air Environment Division, Ministry of the Environment of Japan; Dr. B.C. Sabat, Senior Scientific Officer, Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi; Alpana Nagpal, Head of R&D Daikin Air-Conditioning India Pvt. Ltd. and Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Kumar, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.
JICA and Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), the Government of Rajasthan organized a two-day seminar on Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Reduction from January 16 to 17, 2017 at Hotel Clarks Amer in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

The focus of the seminar was to share the accomplishments of the ongoing JICA capacity development project for the non-revenue water reduction in Jaipur. During the seminar, guest speakers share their experiences of working on similar successful projects in India and benefits of the current on-going NRW projects in Jaipur. In addition, an NRW reduction planning expert of JICA team, presented experiences and activities of Yokohama Waterworks Bureau of Yokohama City, Japan.

At the seminar, Mr. M.P. Singh, Chief Development Specialist, JICA India Office, remarked that JICA has been continuously assisting Rajasthan PHED through the financial assistance to Bisalpur Jaipur Water Supply Project, which augmented the safer and more stable water supply source to Jaipur and then towns of Rajasthan. The technical cooperation project for reduction of NRW in Jaipur is to supplement the outcome of the previous loan project.

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JICA's Chief Economist, Dr. Koki Hirota, successively arrived at India in February and March to attend important conferences. This was his first visit to India after assuming his current position in JICA.

Speaking of quality infrastructure and quality growth, “First, we need to continuously improve the PPP framework, and establish a comprehensive technical agenda. Second, we need to further evidence-based approaches and third, developing capacities is key,” said Hirota upon closing his presentation at the Workshop on Quality Infrastructure: Japanese Investment in India, organized by the Centre for Policy Research and Japanese Investment in India, organized by the Centre for Policy Research and Japanese Investment in India, organized by the Centre for Policy Research and Japanese Investment in India, organized by the Centre for Policy Research.

Dr. Hirota commenting in the Plenary session Enhancing Japan’s strategic role in Asia, ‘Japan, reform measures in India to attract FDI and India-Japan cooperation in the context of rising global protectionism. Mr. Sakamoto was one of the key speakers for the session on “Reform Measures in India to attract FDI and India-Japan cooperation in the context of rising global protectionism.”

Mr. Sakamoto mentioned that all these themes would assist India to attract more FDI and he also revealed that how JICA can facilitate the private sector’s participation for sustainable development in India.

JICA’s successful case studies were showcased and explained to the attendees. These case studies included Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Program (TNIPP), Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC), Energy Sector and Human Resource Development. Champions for Societal Manufacturing (CSM) Project and its achievements were also showcased by JICA during the workshop. Through these examples Mr. Sakamoto explained about JICA’s role, how these projects lead to the acceleration of development of industry related infrastructure which will eventually lead to an increase of FDI in India.