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1. ECONOMIC MISSION DISPATCHED TO INDIA

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry dispatched Economic Mission to India (Joint leaders: Chairman Masashi Hashimoto of the International Business Committee and Director General Hiroki



Matsumoto of JETRO Osaka) from February 8 to 14 in cooperation with the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Osaka. The Mission visited four cities in order to explore the latest investment environment in India under the administration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who won the general election held in May last year, leading to a change in administrations for the first time in the past 10 years.

The mission, with the participation of 28 members, including executives and persons in charge of practical affairs of companies mainly from the manufacturing industry, which were interested in advancing into India, visited Ahmedabad, an emerging city located in the western part of India; Mumbai, India’s largest commercial city; and Pune, a city with continued advancement of Western companies into the country mainly from the automotive industry; as well as



Chennai, a city located in the southern part of India with rapid increase in the advancement of Japanese companies.

In those cities, the Mission members listened to explanations about the outline of the economy from local representatives of JETRO, and went on a tour to visit factories of Japanese companies that had entered the country as well as local companies, industrial parks for Japanese companies, transportation infrastructure, and shopping malls. In the informal gatherings with officials from the Japanese Consulate General and executives of Japanese companies that had advanced into India, Mission members had active discussions on problems and expectations in developing businesses in those cities.

Those Japanese companies that had advanced into India pointed out problems when entering the country such as a complicated authorization system, slow process until authorization, and delayed construction of infrastructure. On the other hand, with great business opportunities existing in the country once those problems are solved, many Mission members said that they were able to deepen their understanding of India, and would make positive efforts for future business in India.

The OCCI will provide support for Japanese companies' future business development in India in cooperation with JETRO.

2. “KANSAI-CANADA GREEN TECH FORUM” HELD

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry held the Kansai-Canada Green Tech Forum on February 23 in cooperation with the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, Government of Quebec, and Canadian Trade Office in Osaka.



This Forum, marking its fourth anniversary, has been held aiming to expand collaboration in the green technology field with companies from advanced regions, such as Western countries, and business exchanges between Osaka/Kansai and various regions.

On the day of the Forum, five Canadian companies and groups, which form the environmental cluster in Quebec that has unique new technologies related to energy-saving and power generation, gave presentations, and had 26 business talks with companies from Osaka.

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Among those business talks, 10 cases have led to the continuation of business talks with Japanese companies as partners for joint projects and joint development.

3. REPORT ON “SILVER INDUSTRY MISSION TO CHINA”

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry dispatched a Silver Industry Mission to China (leader: Nobuo Kuwayama, Chairman, China Business Committee) from March 3 to 7 to Shanghai, China and neighboring cities in cooperation with Japan-China Economic Association.



In recent years, the OCCI has focused on support for overseas development of Japanese-style elderly care services and equipment. This is the third dispatch of a mission to China following the ones to Chengdu City in 2012, and to Shenzhen City and Beijing in 2013.

In China, the Mission took a tour at “Cherish-Yearn”, a high-end membership elderly care facility; “Shanghai Wisye Technical Training School”, a Japanese helper training school; “Shanghai Riei Elderly Care Facility”, a Japanese nursing care facility; as well as “Fuli Bay in Kunshan Dianshan Lake” and “Yada International Health Ecological Park,” which are currently being developed by Chinese companies.

Through the tour, Chinese companies sought the provision of experience and expertise, which Japan has accumulated as an advanced country with an aging society, as well as Japanese equipment. Also, the Mission members heard about struggles that do not exist in Japan, such as a lack of nursing care staff, cases where information-sharing among those staff members is difficult due to some staff from rural areas not being able to read or write, and elderly people who are currently receiving nursing care not being able to understand standard Chinese (Mandarin).

With discussions in this month’s meeting of China’s National People’s Congress focusing on the China’s service industry, in particular the nursing care and medical fields, to solve social problems as a new axis of the country’s economic development, expansion of business opportunities in this country can be expected in the future.

4. OCCI INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT ON VIP VISITORS

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