

# FY2017 Inter-University Exchange Project, the University of Tokyo

Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with Russian and Indian Universities

【Project title】(year adopted: FY2017, (Type B (India))  
Platform Building Program for India-Japan Academic Exchange

## 【Project Summary】

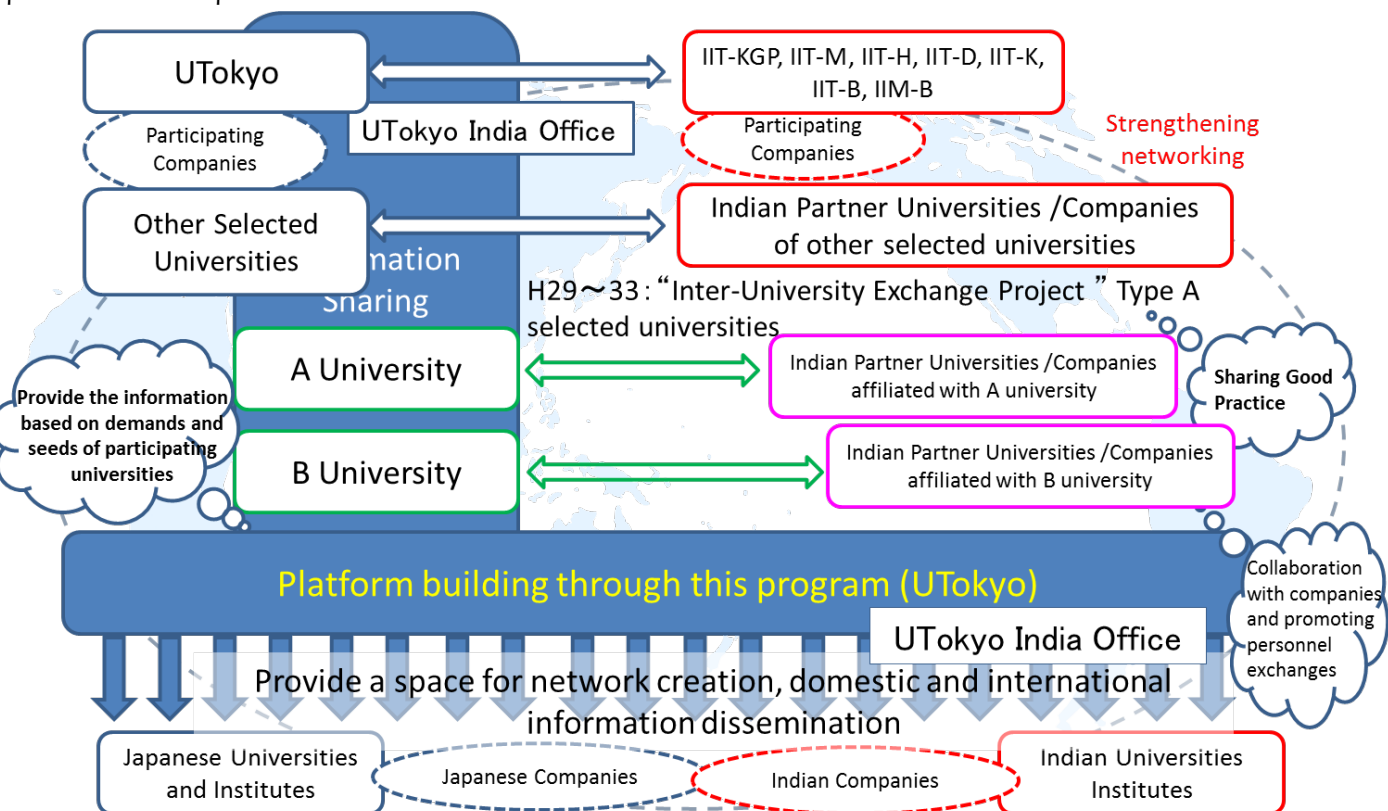
This project aims to develop a robust and sustainable platform for Japan-India exchange through the creation of a network to connect universities and companies currently engaged in Japan-India exchange projects. It is hoped that the sharing of diverse kinds of information throughout this network will allow for new exchanges to be formed between both universities and companies in Japan and India.

Specifically, the platform will be aimed at the four Japanese universities selected in 2014 for the Inter-University Exchange Project with Indian Universities (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Nagaoka University of Technology, Ritsumeikan University, the University of Tokyo (UTokyo)), the two Japanese universities selected for the same project in 2017 (Hiroshima University, Hokkaido University), the partner exchange universities in India of the above-listed Japanese universities, and collaborating companies in Japan and India. The project will create a platform to exchange and disseminate information amongst these institutions, with the goal of promoting and furthering exchange activities between Japan and India.

The project will devise the framework for the platform's secretariat, and encourage collaboration on projects and events through meaningful information-sharing amongst the actors listed below. This will be achieved through the creation of a website and message-board, as well as a newsletter featuring event-related and other information.

- Universities that have already joined the Inter-University Exchange Project (India).
- Universities (faculties, departments, individual faculty members) who are not yet selected the projects, but willing to engage in international exchange in the near future.
- Companies that are motivated to (or in the process of) acquire international talent and implement projects in India.

A joint symposium will be held once a year at which stakeholders gather together to share information and build platforms that help create human networks.



## 【Notable project features】

Our university conducts a number of exchange programs with India in a variety of formats outside the Inter-University Exchange Project. In particular, we are implementing Japan-India exchange programs in universities throughout Japan through the International Student Coordinator for study in Japan in our Indian office. Furthermore, we plan and run general coordination and briefing sessions as an organizing university for India's Ministry of Railways' MEXT scholarship program. We can use this experience to provide a new platform for exchange and information regarding opportunities for exchange based on each university's needs.

# 1. FY2017 Progress

【Name of project】 Japan India Exchange Platform Program (Adopted year: FY2017, (Type B, India))

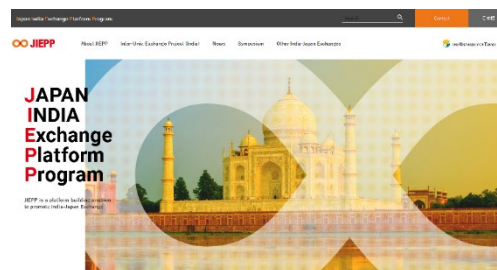
## ■ Programs

For the first year of the program, in preparation for the start of full-fledged business in the next fiscal year, we have focused on the establishment of an office, the launch of a homepage, and requests for cooperation with collaborative universities. Our main activities are as follows.

- First, we created a website, which acts as the primary form of information dissemination for the core ideals of this project. Furthermore, we gathered and shared various information regarding the Japan-India exchange, and made it possible to send related information through SNS at any time. (Picture 1)

- We have created leaflets introducing programs promoting Japan-India exchange at various levels, targeting university members, students, corporate stakeholders etc., and have strengthened our international deployment abilities at universities and schools in India whom we collaborate with, asking for cooperation from those schools in the distribution of materials promoting exchange events.

- We hosted liaison meetings with select schools, allowing university members who are working towards improved global development and business growth to meet together to share common good practices, as well as opinions on the goals and future requests for this project. We also shared and exchanged opinions on future activities etc. while also providing information for local activities at select schools through the participation of the Director of the Indian Office at our university. (Picture 3)



〈Picture1: JIEPP Website〉



〈Picture2: Leaflet 〉



〈Picture3: Selected Universities' Meeting 2018.1.10 〉

- Faculty members from UTokyo visited IIT Kharagpur, briefing sessions for the Ministry of Railways Ministry of Government Scholarship Program and IIT Bombay to ask members for cooperation, to exchange opinions and listen to requests for this project. In addition, we used public information briefing sessions to publicize the project.

- We participated in the FD workshop held at Hokkaido University, introducing this project to many faculty and staff, and made further commitments to strengthening the Japan-India exchange.

## ■ Notices

- In November we visited IIT Kharagpur, visited the railroad laboratory located in the same school, and participated in a briefing session for studying abroad held at IIT Kharagpur. In addition to exchanging opinions with the civil engineering majors and faculty of the same school, we asked for publicity and cooperation with this project.

- Four faculty members from our university attended the Indian Ministry of Railways briefing held in Delhi in February of this year, and in collaboration and with cooperation from other universities, gave explanations about our program at the Ministry of Railways while giving lectures at individual sessions. Together, we exchanged opinions and asked for cooperation from collaborative universities in India. We also requested cooperation for this project from universities selected as Type A, that are sending out student to study abroad, when visiting collaborating universities and companies.

# 2. FY2018 Progress

## 【Japan-India Exchange Platform Program】(Year adopted: FY2017, Type B, India)



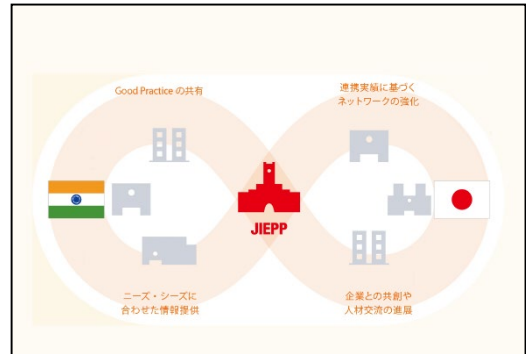
### Programs

This year, we operated and improved our administrative systems, enhanced the website contents, disseminated information through our website and social media, strengthened the relationships with organizations related to Japan-India exchange and other selected universities, and held the first JIEPP Symposium. Details of the main activities are as follows.

- We updated our website, which is the core communication tool for this project. We improved its visibility, and added new contents. We also provided information about events outside UTokyo, allowing it to function as a comprehensive platform for Japan-India exchange. (Photo 1)
- We collaborated with UTokyo’s Indian Student Exchange Association on social media to encourage more Indian students to participate in the symposium.



(Photo 1: JIEPP Website )



(Overview of JIEPP)

- The first JIEPP Symposium was held in December with people involved in or interested in Japan-India exchanges gathered to exchange ideas. (Photo 2)
- We led collaborative efforts with support from the administrative staff of UTokyo India Office, departments involved in Japan-India exchanges, Hokkaido University and other selected universities, universities participating in the program with the Ministry of Railways of India, and governmental organizations such as JST.
- We also accepted some faculty members from major Indian universities (19 universities including Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research) and government agency staff who came to Japan as part of the JST Sakura Science Plan where they had various opportunities to exchange opinions with UTokyo researchers and students. In addition, our staff participated in the STS Forum India Workshop and held a seminar with the Ministry of Railways of India in Delhi.



(Photo 2: The first JIEPP Symposium )

### Notices

On December 20, 2018, the first JIEPP Symposium, titled “Present and Future of Japan-India Exchange - Build Up to the Platform Program”, was held at UTokyo. Japanese and Indian students, faculty members from other selected universities, other participants involved in or interested in Japan-India exchange, and people from various companies gathered to exchange views. The symposium provided an opportunity for active exchanges of ideas and information, and creation of new partnerships and collaborations. (Photo 3)

According to the follow-up questionnaire asking how much the symposium helped audience to understand the current situation of Japan-India exchange, about 70% answered “Very much” and the remaining 30% answered “A little.” These results show that the goal of the event was sufficiently achieved.



(Photo 3: Flyer for the first JIEPP Symposium )

# 3. FY2019 Progress

## 【Japan-India Exchange Platform Program】(Year adopted: FY2017, Type B, India)

### Programs



(Picture 1: Speakers in The 2nd JIEPP Symposium, 20 Dec, 2019)



(Picture 2: Audience at The 2nd JIEPP Symposium, 20 Dec, 2019)

This year, we maintained and improved our administrative systems, enhanced the website contents, disseminated information through our website and social media, strengthened the relationships with organizations related to Japan-India exchange as well as other selected universities, and held the second JIEPP Symposium. Details of the main activities are as follows.

- We updated our website, which is the core communication tool for this project. We improved its visibility and added new contents. We now also provide information about events outside UTokyo, allowing the website to function as a part of the comprehensive platform for Japan-India exchange.
- The 2nd JIEPP Symposium was titled “Expansion and Utilization of Japan-India Exchange Platform” allowing the spread of Japan-India exchange that reaches the society from universities to be discussed. In the first part, Prof. Akimasa Fujiwara, Hiroshima University, Mr. Yusuke Kakimoto, CEO, ENRISSION Inc., and Mr. Takahiro Kono, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) gave lectures. In the panel discussion, which formed the second part, Dr. Aruna Rohra Suda, Founder and CEO of Saora Inc., joined the three speakers, and there was a lively discussion about the acceptance of Indian high-leveled workers in Japanese society. (Pictures 1, 2, 3)
- The 2nd JIEPP Symposium functioned as an opportunity for various stakeholders to build a new network of Japan-India exchanges. There were many participants from several universities including Hokkaido University and Hiroshima University, which joined the Inter-University Exchange Project (India), private companies, the Embassy of India in Japan, Japanese public institutions and international students from India.
- We also accepted some faculty members from major Indian universities and government agency staff who were in Japan as part of the JST Sakura Science Plan to UTokyo, providing an opportunity for them to exchange opinions with UTokyo researchers and students. Additionally, our staff participated in the STS Forum India Workshop and held a seminar with the Ministry of Railways of India in Delhi.



(Picture 3: Flyer for The 2nd JIEPP Symposium, 20 Dec, 2019)

### Notices

- We conducted activities such as the 2nd JIEPP Symposium and the international workshop, which contributed to promotion of study abroad, while being aware of industry-government-academia collaborations.
- We had an intensive information exchange with Hokkaido University and Hiroshima University, which joined the Inter-University Exchange Project (India), during opportunities such as the 2nd JIEPP Symposium.
- We are expanding our network by participating in events of universities that have their own Japan-India exchange activities, such as Shibaura Institute of Technology and Gifu University.



(Picture 4: International Workshop Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT) Students from Ministry of Railway India & The University of Tokyo Railway Club, 14 Dec, 2019)

# 4. FY2020 Progress

## 【Japan-India Exchange Platform Program】(Adopted year: FY2017, Type B, India)

### ■ Programs

This year, we maintained and improved our administrative systems, enhanced the website contents, disseminated information through our website and social media, strengthened the relationships with organizations related to Japan-India exchange as well as with other selected universities, and held the second JIEPP Symposium. Details of the main activities are as follows.

#### - The 1st Japan-India Exchange Seminar

We launched the “Japan-India Exchange Seminar” as a new initiative in FY2020. The seminars are to be held on specific themes in order to provide a forum for information sharing and exchange among the various parties involved in Japan-India exchanges. The first seminar, entitled “Japan-India Exchange and the Future of Digital Society”, was held online on January 29, 2021, with Associate Professor Kotaro Kataoka of the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) as the lecturer and Professor Kunihiko Sadakane (UTokyo) as commentator. 56 people from universities and companies participated. Associate Prof. Kataoka explained the recruitment process at IITs and the trend in IIT students' career choices and suggested that Japanese companies and universities need to make efforts to let students know about their merits for Japanese companies to hire IIT students and other excellent Indian students. In addition to discussions between Associate Prof. Kataoka, Prof. Sadakane and the moderator Associate Prof. Takahiro Kato, there was a question-and-answer session with participants, resulting in a lively exchange of information.



< The 1st Japan-India Exchange Seminar, 29 January 2021 >



#### - The 3rd JIEPP Symposium

The 3rd JIEPP Symposium was held online on March 5, 2021. By sharing the diverse and cutting-edge good practices in the industry-academia collaborations, the participants were able to exchange opinions on the role required of the platform that in order to expand and deepen the industry-academia collaboration based on Japan-India exchange on a global scale. The third symposium, which was held online, was viewed by 115 people, who were mainly from universities and companies. Following the greetings by the guests of honor, in his keynote speech “The University of Tokyo Future Society Initiative”, Prof.

< The 3rd JIEPP Symposium, 5 March 2021 >

Teruo Fujii, then Executive Vice President of UTokyo (now President), reported on the latest status of UTokyo's industry-university collaboration and Japan-India exchange efforts.

In the panel discussion that followed, representatives from Nagaoka University of Technology, Gifu University, Matsue City, and Tata Consultancy Services Japan took the stage to present and discuss their respective Japan-India exchange initiatives. The JIEPP symposium has become a well-established venue for those involved in various Japan-India exchanges to meet and build new networks, and we plan to continue to hold the symposium as long as possible in the future.

-We participated in JASSO's “Nationwide Guidance Meeting for Career Education and Job Search” and Hokkaido University's “STSI Program Educational Exchange Seminar” to publicize JIEPP's Japan-India exchange efforts and to deepen ties with people involved in Japan-India exchange at other universities and institutions. At these events, in cooperation with the University's India office, we shared information on how to increase the number of foreign students.

-We updated our website, which is the core communication tool for this project. We improved its visibility and added new contents. We now also provide information about events outside UTokyo, allowing the website to function as a part of the comprehensive platform for Japan-India exchange.

### ■ Notices

-At the JIEPP symposium, parties from industry, government, and academia were able to actively exchange opinions, which has led to new collaborations. At the seminar, the university provided information that was beneficial to both industry and academia, which resulted in university-led efforts for industry-academia collaboration. These results are also shared at events at other universities to help promote inter-university collaboration.



< The 3rd JIEPP Symposium, 5 March 2021 >

- We were able to make active use of online tools to share meaningful information with related parties living in India and other regions in Japan. At the seminar, online social gathering were also held enabling free exchanges, which are usually difficult to achieve online, to take place.

# 5. FY2021 Progress

【The University of Tokyo】

## 【Japan-India Exchange Platform Program】(Adopted year: FY2017, Type B, India)

### Programs

This year, we enhanced our JIEPP website contents, disseminated information through our website and social media, strengthened the relationships with organizations related to Japan-India exchange as well as with other selected universities. Furthermore, in addition to the second and third Japan-India Exchange Seminar, we also held the fourth JIEPP Symposium. Details of the main activities are as follows.

#### - The 2nd and 3rd Japan-India Exchange Seminar

Following on from last year, the second and third “Japan-India Exchange Seminar” was held this year. The seminars were on specific themes in order to provide a forum for information sharing and exchange among the various parties involved in Japan-India exchanges. The second seminar, entitled “The Role of Universities for Promoting India-Japan Relations: From the History of Intellectual Exchange between the Two Nations”, was held online on July 16th, 2021. In the seminar, Professor Akio Tanabe (UTokyo) gave a lecture about the history of Japan-India exchange starting with the introduction of Buddhism and Indian attitude that recognizes the beauty and truth in the worldly existence and makes one's actions serve and devote to them. The third seminar, entitled “My study abroad and job-hunting experiences in Japan: Roundtable discussions by Indian alumni” was held online on November 26th, 2021. In the seminar, three former Indian students who studied in Japan talked about their experiences and their current jobs to deepen our understanding of what Indian students expect in terms of employment in Japan.



〈The 2nd Japan-India Exchange Seminar, July 16th, 2021〉



〈The 3rd Japan-India Exchange Seminar, November 26th, 2021〉

#### - The 4th JIEPP Symposium

The 4th JIEPP Symposium held online on February 24th, 2022 featured keynote speeches, presentations of results from each university and an overall discussion under the theme “Achievements and Prospects of the Japan-India Exchange Program by Universities”. As this was the final year of the Inter-University Exchange Project Platform Building Program (India) that started in 2017, we looked back on the achievements of all Type A and Type B selected universities and considered the future prospects for Japan-India exchanges led by universities. This symposium was viewed by 105 people, who were mainly from universities and companies.



〈The 4th JIEPP Symposium, February 24th, 2022〉

### Notices

-At the Japan-India Exchange Seminar, we were able to provide opportunities to understand what Indian students really want when they study abroad and what Japan should do by sharing the experiences of former Indian students.

-At the JIEPP symposium, people from universities contributing to Japan-India exchanges could share the information and opinions of each university's situation by looking back on the achievements of all Type A and Type B selected universities. Knowing about the various solutions will be helpful to get insights for developing the Japan-India exchange.

- We also held the “Liaison Conference for Organizations related Japan-India Exchanges” twice this year. In the conferences, we confirmed that Type A and Type B selected universities will continue the cooperative relationship even after the end of the Inter-University Exchange Project Platform Building Program (India).



〈The 4th JIEPP Symposium, February 24th, 2022〉