

India Japan Laboratory (IJL)

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Members

Environment,
Development,
Economics,
Disaster Risk
Reduction, and
Climate change

Existing, New &
Emerging
Technologies
(Data Science, AI,
IOT)

Culture, Yoga,
History, Art, Music,
Film, Religion &
Language

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Mission

India Japan Laboratory (IJL) will engage students and faculty members in inter-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder (private sector, non-government organizations and citizens) education, action research and policy advocacy programs on issues relevant to India and Japan. Through collective co-learning from India, IJL aims to co-design innovative solutions with governments, private sector, citizen groups and other related stakeholders. It provides unique learning opportunities for Keio students as well as students from different universities and research institutions from India and the world.

Key Goals

With the existing inter-disciplinary nature of education and research in the Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC) of Keio University, the IJL would have the following goals:

- Conduct India Studies Course in SFC
- Facilitate, engage and support faculty and student exchange programs with India, including internship opportunities in universities, private sector, start-ups
- Engage public figures from India and Japan to deliver lectures and seminars
- Share knowledge and expertise from India, Japan and globally
- Develop a Community of Knowledge and Practice through action-based learning

Advisors

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Supporters

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Background

India, being the largest democracy and an emerging economy, is home to 1.3 billion people. India is characterized by its long history, diversity in ethnic group, culture, religion, food, climate and many more. Although India was the center of Indus civilization in 3300 BC, the country today faces severe development problems including poverty, food, water security, and sanitation issues among others. At the same time, the region shows one of the highest economic growth rates over the last decade and has huge potential to be the development hotspot in the coming decades.

In the present decade, the relationship between Japan and India is advancing on a faster note than ever before. The significant development of Japan-India strategic partnership, high-speed railway, consumer nuclear cooperation, development of Japan-India economic relations and memorandum of cooperation of Japanese language education in India signifies that Japan-India bilateral relations have entered a new era.

To further expand the horizon of Japan-India relations, it is essential to maximize the interaction of human resource, especially the young generation of both nations. Prime Minister of Japan Hon. Shinzo Abe has emphasized that 'Japan-India relations are international public goods that support regional order.' In order to achieve that, substantial capacity development of youth and young professionals in premier educational institutes related to technology, commerce, development, humanities and law is required.

Henceforth, the premier educational Institutes of India and Japan collectively need to come forward to create a generation of expertise and human resource who will engage at global level to execute the "*Japan and India Vision 2025 Special Strategic and Global Partnership Working Together for Peace.*"

India Japan Laboratory

is established in Keio Research Institute at SFC in November 2019, to collectively address, analyze, learn and nurture the issues related to India and Japan and make it more relevant to the global communities.

Activities

In the first five years, IJL would focus on the following three core areas relevant to India, with possibilities of expansion to other areas in future:

- ❖ Culture, History, Art, Film, Religion, Music and Language studies
- ❖ Development, Environment, Disasters and Economic Growth Strategies
- ❖ Science, Technology and Innovation Studies

Following are some of the intended activities of IJL:

- Lectures:**
One course on 'India Studies' will be delivered in spring semester each year
- Invited seminars / Public dialogue:**
Series of invited seminars from eminent, public personalities in India, Japan and globally will be held
- Multi-disciplinary action and policy research:**
Innovative and multi-disciplinary action and policy research will be facilitated
- Field studies by faculty and students:**
Team of faculty and students would undertake field visits in India to experience the real ground issues
- Internship / Learning / Leadership programs:**
Students can conduct internship, attachment learning programs or leadership training programs in diverse organizations (universities, research institutes, private sector, think tanks, nongovernment organizations etc.) in India and Japan, including Start-ups to enhance their studies
- Exchange visits:**
Exchange visits would be encouraged among the faculty and students of Japan and India
- India Forum:**
To establish the India Forum as an annual dialogue of India related issues
- Book on India Japan collaboration:**
Drawing lessons from different activities and experiences, series of books would be published on India Japan collaboration themes

