

**“Japan-India Global Innovation Ecosystem Seminar”
Creating Effective Innovation and Funding Opportunities in the AI
Frontier for the Students and Entrepreneurs of Japan and India**



Tokyo -- The Japan-India Global Innovation Ecosystem Seminar, hosted by the Division of University Corporate Relations of University of Tokyo (DUCR), the Japan Academic Society for Ventures and Entrepreneurs (JASVE), and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) was held on October 16th, 2018 at the Fukutake Learning Theater, located within the University of Tokyo Hongo Campus. Total of sixty-seven invitees attended this never-before held event, coordinated by ANEW Holdings Inc.,

Top venture capital firms and AI startups from Japan and India were invited to discuss the present situation of AI startups, investment opportunity expansions that could be achieved through cooperation between the two countries, and how an effective Japan-India Innovation Ecosystem might be built.

In the first Session titled “Collaborations between Japan and India Leverage Investment Opportunities”, four Japanese and Indian venture capitals took to the stage to share their thoughts on the opportunities for effective Japan-India investment, followed by Japanese and Indian startups sharing their insights related to “AI Startup Now in Japan and India”. In Session 2, Dr. Shigeo Kagami, DUCR of University of Tokyo, moderated the panel discussion “Significance of Building of the Japan-India Innovation Ecosystem” with eight Japanese and Indian panelists from industry, academia and government discussing the potential benefits of a deeper Japan-India partnership.

In the third and final session, the “Student Entrepreneur Training & Internship Program (SETI)” was introduced by Carnegie India’s R.K. Misra and Dr. Shigeo Kagami to the students in attendance. Under the planned internship program, Japanese university students will have the chance to intern in Bengaluru startups, venture capitals, etc.

Following the seminar, the panelists and students met and exchanged thoughts during a networking event, a unique and invaluable opportunity for university students to speak directly with the panelists from India and Japan who are at the forefront of their respective industries.

<EVENT DETAILS>

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 From 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Venue: Fukutake Learning Theater (The University of Tokyo Hongo Campus)

Total Number of Attendees: 67

Host: Division of University Corporate Relations, University of Tokyo; The Japan Academic Society for Ventures and Entrepreneurs (JASVE); Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

Support: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI), Japan Venture Capital Association (JVCA)

Coordinator: ANEW Holdings Inc.

Presentation 1 “Collaborations between Japan and India Leverage Investment Opportunities”

- Pranav Pai, Funding Partner, 3one4 Capital
- Karthik Reddy, Managing Partner, Blume Ventures
- Nao Murakami, Founder & General Partner, Incubate Fund India
- Tomotaka Goji, President, The University of Tokyo Edge Capital (UTEC)/ Managing Director, Japan Venture Capital Association (JVCA)

Presentation 2 “AI Startup Now in Japan and India”

- Anil Hebbar, Co-Founder, Minds.ai
- Katsuya Uenoyama, CEO, PKSHA Technology Inc.

Panel Discussion “Collaborations between Japan and India Leverage Investment Opportunities”

Moderator:

- Dr. Shigeo Kagami, Professor, General Manager, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, DUCR, The University of Tokyo

Panelists:

- Pranav Pai, 3one4 Capital
- Karthik Reddy, Blume Ventures
- Tomotaka Goji, UTEC
- Anil Hebbar, Minds.ai
- Katsuya Uenoyama, PKSHA Technology
- Dr. D.Krishna Sundar, Professor of Operations Management, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB)
- Yutaka Endo, Director in charge of India-Japan Startup Hub, JETRO Bengaluru
- R.K. Misra, Nonresident Scholar, Carnegie India

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