

6th March 2013

Mr. Saurabh Chandra
Secretary,
DIPP, Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
Government of India

Dear Sir,

Suggestions for the Government of India by JCCII 2013

Underpinned by the growing interaction between Japan and India across diverse areas of economy and society, we have continued to progress in the past year our "Strategic and Global Partnership" to a new height going a long way to strengthen peace and prosperity of our two countries and the world at large.

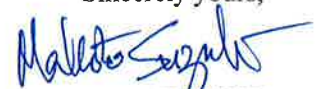
In parallel with the prospering relationship, we are pleased to witness a steadfast increase of foreign direct investment and the increasing number of Japanese companies, 926 in total as of October 2012, which is an increase of 114 over the last year.

Taking this opportunity, we, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in India ("JCCII"), would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Indian Government for the significant strides made last year that would help improve the investment and business environment in India. The conclusion of the Japan-India Social Security Agreement, improvement of the Visa-on-Arrival system, elimination of the re-entry restriction on Tourist Visas, introduction of Advance Pricing Agreement scheme are some of the important breakthroughs that were realized over the past months. We have been privileged to have the opportunity to discuss the matters in depth with important figures in the government including your good self and the top brass of the PMO and DEA, among others.

Meanwhile we wish to call your attention to the fact that many Japanese companies still face enormous difficulties in their business in India and they are approaching JCCII for their redress. Therefore, we would like to hereby present the Suggestion 2013 that contains the current issues in such area as taxation, finance, logistics, BIS on steel products, visa and infrastructure. In order to facilitate dialogue with the Government and implementation of measures, we have taken the liberty to evaluate the progress for each item for your kind consideration.

Your perusal of our Suggestion 2013 would be most welcome and as has been the practice we look forward to the regular meetings to seek your counsel on how we could carry the matter forward. We sincerely hope that the improvement of the Suggestions 2013 would contribute to the better business environment and employment opportunities in India, and further advancement of our bilateral relationship.

Sincerely yours,



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