

Joint Statement

On the occasion of the visit of His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, to Japan on October 21, 2008, Mr. Nikai Toshihiro, the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry and Mr. Kamal Nath, the Minister of Commerce and Industry had extensive talks for establishing broader and deeper bilateral economic relationship under the aegis of the second meeting of the Japan-India Policy Dialogue.

2. The Ministers expressed satisfaction at the substantive progress in talks relating to the Economic Partnership Agreement / Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between India and Japan. They urged their negotiators on both sides to work hard towards finding a mutually acceptable solution to the remaining issues.

3. The two Ministers, recognizing that Japan and India are major countries in Asia, discussed the issues on bilateral, regional and multilateral relationship. On the WTO Doha Round negotiations, the Ministers shared the view that the early and successful conclusion of the negotiations is vital for the maintenance and development of the international trade system, and determined to continue their cooperation in advancing the negotiations towards the early establishment of modalities .

4. The two Ministers welcomed the substantive progress achieved for the establishment of a Project Development Fund (PDF) which is important to promote the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) Project. The two Ministers affirmed the importance of accelerating the establishment of the PDF.

5. The two Ministers welcomed the active participation by the Japanese companies in the five Early Bird Projects (list attached) in the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) region. The two Ministers also welcomed the initiative of the DMIC Development Corporation to take up select projects for early implementation (list attached) in the Indian States together with the master planning exercise. The two Ministers expressed expectation that these projects will stimulate Japanese enterprises for investment in India and will spur mutually beneficial business relations that serve the long term interests of

both countries.

6. The two Ministers shared the importance of the supports for SMEs, and welcomed JETRO's activities such as dispatching investment missions of Japanese SMEs to India, supporting development of industrial clusters in the DMIC areas by utilizing the JETRO Business Support Center(BSC) in Delhi and Mumbai, and promoting Initiative for "One-Village, One-Product" for supporting Indian SMEs.

7. The two Ministers expressed expectation for the activities of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) established in June and they decided to support the research on East Asia Industrial Corridor(EAIC) as the model project of ERIA. Both the Ministers expressed willingness to cooperate and support research in the region wide, cross-border comprehensive development plans of ERIA that will create ample job opportunities and narrow economic gaps in the region.

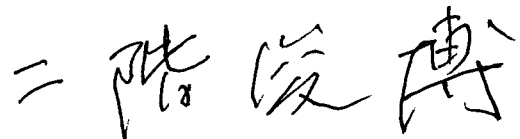
8. The two Ministers recognized the importance of further cooperation towards realization of Comprehensive Economic Partnership in East Asia (CEPEA)

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List of Early Bird Projects in DMIC States (as on 18 October 2008)

Gujarat

1. Mega Industrial Park at Dholera SIR
2. Greenfield international aviation hub near Ahmedabad
3. Six laning of Ahmedabad-Vataman-Pipli-Bhavnagar road link with specific economic activities (207 km)
4. Regional MRTS link between Gandhinagar -Ahmedabad & Ahmedabad-Dholera

Madhya Pradesh

1. Development of economic corridor along the link road connecting Indore Airport & Pithampur SEZ
2. Integrated Multimodal Logistics Hub between Maksi and Dewas
3. Continuous water supply and waste water management for Pithampur Industrial Area Development of integrated water grid and waste water treatment system
4. Knowledge city in Ujjain District

Haryana

1. Regional MRTS between Delhi-Manesar-Bawal with Feeder Service to enhance connectivity between Delhi and the upcoming Manufacturing Hubs
2. A Joint Venture Project (Japanese city) around Dharuhera
3. Multi Modal Logistic hub at Manesar
4. New Passenger Rail Links: Palwal-Rewari via Bhiwadi and Farrukhnagar-Jhajjar

List of Early Bird Projects from Japanese side:

1. IIJE (Integrated India-Japan Enclave)
: MITSUI & CO.LTD.,

2. FTWZ(Free Trade Warehousing Zone) Project
: MITSUI & CO.LTD.,

3. DMIC Human Resources Training Project
: Project proposal and planning: Techno Brain Company (technically supported by Sony Corporation)
: Implementation Organization:
 Science and Technology Park, promoted by Government of India's Department of Science and Technology and University of Pune, Maharashtra

4. Captive Power Plant at Neemrana Japan Investment Park
: Hitachi, Neemrana Japanese Participating Companies

5. Neemrana Jet Stream Logistics Project
: NYK Line India & NYK Logistics India