

CM Yogi extends all out support for biz collaboration with Japanese cos in state

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The CM said the state, often referred to as the 'food basket' of India, offers significant investment opportunities in agriculture, food processing, and dairy sectors. Varanasi is the hub of India's major textile centres, including the silk cluster. Tourism is also a priority sector, which can be a good destination for investors in UP, he added.

The ambassador said that Japanese investors are enthusiastic about the policies in place, and this enthusiasm is expected to further elevate the strong relations between India and Japan.

An official spokesperson said: "CM Yogi Adityanath said that relations between India and Japan have always been friendly. There is mutu-



Delegates at the session organised by FICCI on Friday

al harmony, growing bilateral trade and all-round cooperation between the two countries. Both countries are large economies and have democratic, secular and pluralistic systems with common socio-economic development priorities as well as world-class strategic visions."

Referring to the ancient cultural ties between India

and Japan, the CM stated that India and Japan have had strong cultural ties for centuries due to the spread of Buddhism, resulting in a strong common identity between the Indian and Japanese people. In UP, there are numerous religious sites associated with the life of Lord Buddha. Kapilvastu, Sarnath, Sankisa, Shravasti and

Kushinagar are major centres of faith for Buddhists.

Referring to the world-class convention centre built in Varanasi with the cooperation of Japan, the CM said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe's close ties have taken Indo-Japan political, economic and business relations to new heights in the modern era.

The CM apprised the delegation of the vast potential for industrial investment in UP and extended all out support for business collaboration with Japanese companies. He also spoke about the sectoral opportunities and policy framework to facilitate businesses in UP. At over 1,400 Japanese companies are operating in India, with seven major ones established within UP.