

# Japan keen to work with UP: Envoy

## ‘UP’s Potential Has Increased Under CM Yogi’

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**Lucknow:** Ambassador of Japan to India, Hiroshi Suzuki on Friday said that political support played a crucial role in creating an environment for growth.

“For a healthy business and growth environment, the political support of a country is of the utmost importance. Under the twin-engine government of UP, under CM Yogi Adityanath, the potential of the state has increased tremendously. Japan is keen to work in Uttar Pradesh and transform the trajectory of the state,” he said, while addressing an interactive session organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

The ambassador was on a day-long visit to the state. Officials concerned at FICCI said that their interactive session aimed to explore and encourage bilateral exchanges towards industrial development in domains like skill development, energy, agri-food processing, education and allied sectors of India and Japan.

Senior ministers and officials from the UP government also spoke in the event.

Stating that UP was a great launchpad for businesses, UP energy minister AK Sharma said, “The state has the largest consumer base and zero tolerance for crime. The state has 40% of the motorway and three major international airports, which provide the infrastructure to support the business.”

UP minister of state for

parliamentary affairs, Jaswant Saini said that UP’s transformation has brought prosperity to farmers. “The collaboration between the state government, Indian companies and Japan will open more doors for developing the sector and enhancing the lives of the people,” he said.

Technical education minister Ashish Singh Patel

said: “Professionalism and efficiency is the key today to excel in any field. Japan is known for its technology and innovation, which increases efficiency and efficacy. We look forward to working together.”

UP’s additional chief secretary, Devesh Chaturvedi said that Japanese investment in Uttar Pradesh will give a strong push to the sta-

te’s potential in the agriculture sector, creating plenty of opportunities for both nations.

CEO of Invest UP, Abhishek Prakash listed out possible areas of investment for Japanese players while FICCI state council chair Manoj Gupta said that Japanese technology has the power to transform various sectors with higher efficiency.