

# Japan's hotel chain to set up 30 hotels in UP

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**Lucknow:** The renowned Japanese hotel chain-Hotel Management International Company Limited (HMI)- will come up with 30 new hotels in the state of UP. The Japanese firm signed MoU worth Rs 7,200 crore with the state government on day 2 of the Global Investors Summit (GIS), on Saturday. Director, Public Relations, HMI Group, Takamoto Yokoyama said, "UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath's efforts to realise and develop the state's tourism potential have created immense possibilities for the hotel industry. Varanasi has seen a significant increase in tourism after the development of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham (KVD) Corridor. For us, this is a great chance."

Praising UP's industrial policies, Yokoyama added, "With encouraging industrial policies here, HMI Group will expand its hotel chain in 30 major cities, including Agra, Varanasi, and Ayodhya, offering direct job opportunities to 10,000 people as a result of this." Earlier, in a session on 'Implementation of Special Strategic and Global Partnership between Japan and India in UP', Advisor (Japan), ministry of external Affairs (GoI), Prof Ashok Chawla, provided a comparative analysis of the relations between India and Japan.