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Japanese governor meets Yogi, signs MoU

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LUCKNOW: Kotaro Nagasaki, governor of Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture, along with a delegation, met Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath at the latter's residence on Monday.

The two signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in industrial, tourism, and vocational education between the Uttar Pradesh government and the Yamanashi Prefecture.

The two discussed the long-standing relationship and friendship between India and Japan, said a government statement after the meeting.

At the outset, Yogi greeted the Japanese delegation by saying "konnichi wa" (a Japanese way of greeting).

Discussing business, he said that U.P. is a state with unlimited potential and both India and Japan are big economies. Yogi also mentioned that in UP's Global Investors' Summit 2023, Japan was a partner country.

Kotaro Nagasaki said Yamanashi Prefecture and U.P. are both landlocked provinces and the two have historical and spiritual connections. He added that Japan and U.P. will have mutual cooperation in the areas of skill development, renewable energy, hydro-power, knowledge and technology.

"Japan is your second home," said Kotaro Nagasaki to Adityanath and asked him to visit Yamanashi Prefecture. The U.P. delegation invited Kotaro Nagasaki to Mahakumbh-2025.