

UP Expands Japan Ties in Semiconductors and Academia through Key Engagements in Tokyo and Osaka

- ***Tokyo Electron Explores GCC Setup in Uttar Pradesh, Citing State's Talent and Infrastructure Strengths***
- ***UP strengthens ties with Osaka Prefectural Assembly on Youth Upskilling and Tech Exchange***
- ***UP's Infrastructure and Talent Pool Attract Semiconductor Giant TEL***

Osaka/Lucknow, 24 July 2025: In a strategic move to deepen Indo-Japanese cooperation in high-tech manufacturing and education, a high-level Uttar Pradesh delegation led by Hon'ble Finance Minister Shri Suresh Khanna and Shri Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, held a series of impactful meetings in Tokyo and Osaka.

Semiconductor Collaboration with Tokyo Electron Limited (TEL)

At a focused meeting in Tokyo, the delegation engaged with Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Corporate Officer and Executive Vice President (Global Sales Division and India Business) **Tokyo Electron Limited (TEL)**—a leading manufacturer of semiconductor production equipment along with its senior leadership team, engaged in strategic discussions with the visiting delegation. Discussions centered around the fast-evolving semiconductor ecosystem in the Noida region and prospects for TEL to collaborate in areas such as semiconductor manufacturing, skill development, and establishing Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in Uttar Pradesh.

The TEL leadership expressed keen interest in exploring Uttar Pradesh as a base for GCCs, citing the state's skilled talent pool, robust infrastructure, and industry-friendly policies. Also present during the meeting were Smt. Debjani Chakrabarti, Minister (Economic & Commercial), Embassy of India, Tokyo; Shri Amit Singh, Secretary to the Chief Minister and Shri Vipin Kumar Jain, Special Secretary to the Chief Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Strategic Dialogue with Osaka Prefectural Assembly

Strengthening its diplomatic engagements, the Uttar Pradesh delegation—led by Hon'ble Finance Minister Suresh Khanna along with officials from Invest UP—visited the Osaka Prefectural Assembly for a productive meeting with Vice-Chairperson KIDA Kaoru and Chairperson KINJO Katsunori. Discussions centered around capacity building, youth upskilling, and technology exchange, with both sides underscoring the promise of deeper commercial partnerships and celebrating the enduring cultural and historical ties between India and Japan.

These discussions mark a significant step forward in building a technology- and knowledge-driven partnership between Uttar Pradesh and Japan, while reinforcing the state's emergence as a global hub for investment, innovation, and human capital.

Academic Collaboration with Portugal at World Expo 2025 During World Expo 2025 in Osaka, the University of Guarda (Polytechnic Institute of Portugal) expressed keen interest in academic partnerships with Indian institutions—covering student exchanges, joint research, and faculty collaboration. At the Uttar Pradesh Pavilion, senior delegate Mr. Rakesh Sharma proposed alliances with BHU and Dr. Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi, via Invest UP, affirming full support to strengthen global academic linkages.