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## UP Delegation To Visit Japan To Explore Opportunities

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Lucknow: Describing his meeting with the ambassador of Japan to India, Ono Keiichi, as "fruitful and meaningful", Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said that the state's ties with Japan are rooted in history and there are numerous sites in UP which are of great interest to Japanese citizens.

"UP welcomes Japanese investment and technological collaboration in sectors like



CM Yogi Adityanath with Japanese ambassador Ono Keiichi

electronics, green energy, and semiconductors. The state govt is ready to adopt modern models of urban mobility in addition to metro projects," the CM said.

"Our ties with Japan are rooted in history. UP is India's

spiritual centre, home to numerous significant sites related to Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism, many of which are of great interest to Japanese citizens as well," he said.

The CM informed the delegation that the state govt was working with Japan to train youth, so they become eligible for employment there. Both sides also agreed to strengthen ties in the tourism sector.

It was decided that a highlevel delegation from the UP govt would soon visit Japan to explore opportunities for collaboration in green hydrogen, electronics, and semiconductor sector.

The delegation will also participate in the World Expo to be held in Osaka in the last week of July.

In a message on social media platform 'X', Keiichi said: "Concurred with Yogi Adityanath for Japan-UP cooperation in investment, technologies, human-resource development, and tourism. Look forward to working with CM Yogi Adityanath by putting the right eye of the daruma doll as a promise of our collaboration: the left will be put when it comes true."

"The state is fast becoming a top choice for global investors. The positive environment created by the govt in the state is highly beneficial for Japanese companies," he said.

The two sides discussed developing the skills of UP's youth and providing them with international employment opportunities.

"Both sides agreed to formalise cooperation and prepare a concrete action plan," a govt spokesperson said.