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Japan the new destination for higher education, research

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Daisuke Kodama, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan; U.B. Desai, Director, IITH and others at the 'India-Japan Education Summit' held at Yeddumylaram in Medak district on Wednesday.— PHOTO: Mohd Arif

Removes language barrier to attract young Indian students

While there is no dearth of students from China and Vietnam in its universities, the low number of students from India has made the government of Japan focus on the issue. As a result, it is making all out efforts to double the number and has also removed the barrier of language to attract 'Indian young intellect' to its universities.

Speaking to reporters at the 'India-Japan Education Summit' held at Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) at Yeddumylaram in Medak district on Wednesday by the University of Tokyo, Daisuke Kodama, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan; Yoshino Hiroshi, Director of University; Miki Matsuo, Project Coordinator, Japan International Cooperation Society (JICA); and U.B. Desai, Director, IITH said that the cost of education in Japan is less compared to many other foreign universities. Japan offers the best higher education and research facilities. They said that as many as 14 universities had set up their counselling booths at the summit to explain students about the education facilities being offered at their respective campuses. While the total number of foreign students in Japan stands at 1.35 lakh, China shares a major chunk of 60 per cent with about 81,000 students followed by Vietnam. Even the number of students from Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka are higher comparing with 560 students from India, out of which 28 are from IITH.

"We want the young intelligent students of India to collaborate with us in education and research. It will be a win-win situation for both the countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is talking about Bullet Trains for India. We are running high speed trains for the past five decades and there was not a single accident," said Yoshino Hiroshi adding that one of the IITH students who completed his MS was absorbed by the Suzuki Corporation. Explaining his own experience, Mr. Desai said that Japan is the safest country and people are friendly.

Number of students interacted with the representatives of different universities at the IITH campus.

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