

## **SAI\_Japan Visit 2017: June 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Sports Authority of India, Government of India, visited Japan for a comprehensive program of activities (visits, meetings, discussions) related to Sport and Olympics (Tokyo2020) at government to government level (JSC, JSA, TOCOG) and universities (national and private) and prefectural government (Ibaraki).
- The visit was initiated based on the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and Japan. Briefly, the cooperation entails boosting sporting ties between the 2-nations at all levels, academic, professional and administrative.
- The Indian delegation was led by the Secretary (Sports)-cum-Director General (SAI), Shri Injeti Srinivas with its members, the Director (Sports), Dr Sagar Preet Hooda, the Executive Director (Teams & Academics), Dr S.S. Roy and the Dean (Sports Sciences), Dr Rajdeep Kaur Talwar, Dr. Purnima Rupal (Counsellor, S&T, Embassy of India, Tokyo), Mr. Manikant Sharma (AD, SAI).
- Organizations/locations visited were - JSC (JHPC, JISS, and NTC) and TOCOG (Day 1); NSSU (Nittaidai) (Day 2); JSA and Ibaraki Prefectural Government (Day 3); and University of Tsukuba (Day 4).
- Visit to University of Tsukuba was also facilitated by the February 2017 visit to SAI HQ (DG-SAI) and NS-NIS Patiala by University of Tsukuba Professors under leadership of Prof. Hisashi Sanada (Chairman, TIAS) and coordinated by Prof. Randeep Rakwal and Mr. Manikant Sharma (AD, SAI, & 2<sup>nd</sup> batch-TIAs student). This visit and preliminary cooperation had a positive impact on both the partner institutions.
- Indian delegation Japan visit, it resulted in a deeper understanding of the priorities and giving a way forward for cooperation at diverse levels. Face to face personal meetings, discussions and site visits provided an opportunity for the Indian delegation to understand ground realities and also develop professional relationships with each institution and their officials. Japanese side also reciprocated warmly, and keen to develop mutually beneficial and long-lasting / sustainable projects with India at various levels in SPORT and OLYMPICS.
- Finally, great appreciation to all participants from the Indian side and the Japanese side for creating this unique opportunity.

## June 28<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

- **Ibaraki Prefectural Government** (MITO) and JOSO City, and meeting and interacting with Ibaraki Governor Mr. Masaru Hashimoto, Vice Governor, Mr. Kentaro Kikuchi, Mayor- Mr. Takeshi Kandatsu, and visiting Sports Facilities in Mito and Joso city / Ishige; and meetings with Judokas/Olympians.
- Indian delegation was led by the Director (Sports), Dr Sagar Preet Hooda, the Executive Director (Teams & Academics), Dr S.S. Roy and the Dean (Sports Sciences), Dr Rajdeep Kaur Talwar, Dr. Purnima Rupal (Counsellor, S&T, Embassy of India, Tokyo), Mr. Manikant Sharma (AD, SAI). Coordination from University of Tsukuba side, on behalf of Prof. Hisashi Sanada was by Prof. Randeep Rakwal.
- Site visits to various locations for potential pre-Olympic training camps were conducted, and discussions with various officials were carried out at Mito, and Joso/Ishige.

**SAI-IBARAKI Prefectural Government: June 28<sup>th</sup> visit to MITO-JOSO** - DIRECTOR (SPORTS)-Dr. Sagar Preet HOODA, Executive Director, NS-NIS, Dr. S. S. ROY, Dean, NIS, Dr. Rajdeep KAUR, AD-SAI, Mr. Manikant SHARMA (TIAS 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch Student) , and Dr. (Ms.) Purnima Rupal, Counsellor, S&T, Embassy of India, Tokyo – meeting and interacting with Ibaraki Governor Masaru HASHIMOTO, Vice Governor- Kentaro KIKUCHI, Mayor-Takeshi KANDATSU, visiting Sports Facilities in Mito and Joso city/ Ishige



## June 29<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

- **University of Tsukuba**, with Prof. Hisashi Sanada and Professors from Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences (TAIKU).
- Indian delegation was led by the Director (Sports), Dr Sagar Preet Hooda, the Executive Director (Teams & Academics), Dr S.S. Roy and the Dean (Sports Sciences), Dr Rajdeep Kaur Talwar, Dr. Purnima Rupal (Counsellor, S&T, Embassy of India, Tokyo), Mr. Manikant Sharma (AD, SAI).
- Presentation of the Tsukuba SPORTS disciplines including High Performance Research, and discussions on Sports Sciences and Coaching with Faculty was done.
- Three major points of discussion were Faculty exchange / short-term attachment's between the two institutions, Expert Coaches for high performance and developmental levels, including talent identification, coach training in sport disciplines such as soccer, swimming, judo, volleyball, etc., and research-based cooperation in sports sciences including biomechanics. These questions were answered by Prof. Sanada and the Faculty members present in the meetings.
- Yearly calendar (2017) to follow up on these discussion was discussed and is under active planning stages at present as follows:
  - COACH TRAINING-Coaching to the Coaches at University of Tsukuba / TAIKU (Soccer Model, and to be adopted for Swimming, Judo, Volleyball, athletics).
  - September 2017, 2-week coach training for soccer is planned to be held in at University of Tsukuba, Japan, and will be coordinated and conducted by Dr. Guido Geisler, Associate Professor, TIAS, Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences, University of Tsukuba (guest instructors: M. Koido: J-League youth academy practice, M. Nakayama: Japan Football Association (JFA) development structure, and other guest); professional exchange.
  - September 2017, 3-days University of Tsukuba/TAIKU – SAI – **WORKSHOP on HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS SCIENCE**



**(SWIMMING MODEL) at National Swimming Academy in Delhi. Will be coordinated and conducted by Dr. Yasuo Sengoku, Associate Professor, TIAS, Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences (Elite Sport Coaching), Prof. Hideki Takagi, Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences, (Biomechanics/Sports Science), University of Tsukuba; and discussion on swimming – laboratory/centre development, including sports science research/projects collaboration (Prof. Randeep Rakwal, TIAS, and Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences).**

- **February 2018, Showcase Conference & Indo-Japanese Conclave and Coach Training Workshop is planned with SAI, India and NS-NIS, Patiala, Punjab, India, and will be coordinated and conducted Professors of TIAS, Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences, University of Tsukuba, including Olympic Education by Dr. Alexis Lyras, Assoc. Prof., TIAS, and Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences.**
- **MoU with University of Tsukuba, Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences (TAIKU) is under consideration.**

**SAI-TAIKU: June 29<sup>th</sup> visit to University of Tsukuba** - DIRECTOR (SPORTS)-Dr. Sagar Preet HOODA, Executive Director, NS-NIS, Dr. S. S. ROY, Dean, NIS, Dr. Rajdeep KAUR, AD-SAI, Mr. Manikant SHARMA (TIAS 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch Student) interacting with Professors (Nishiyasu, Takagi, Sengoku, Geisler, Lyras, Rakwal) from Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences, & meeting President Kyosuke NAGATA and VP (Edu.) Prof. Satoshi SHIMIZU & Prof. Hisashi SANADA (Provost, School of Health & PE, Chair, TIAS)

