

Session 1: 5th May 2020 (Orientation)

Course Overview by Prof. Rajib Shaw, Keio University

- In the beginning of the first session, Prof. Rajib Shaw provided an overview of the course to all students, and briefly explained about the overall course structure, credit requirements, etc. Thereafter, a video showcasing the existing bilateral bond between India and Japan was shown to the students.
- The students were also briefed about the group assignments to be submitted by the end of course, for which the entire class was divided into twenty groups of 6-7 students each.
- Towards the end of session, the keynote speakers for the next few classes were briefly introduced to the students.

India Japan Special Strategic & Global Partnership by Mr. Raj Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India in Japan

- The presentation mainly emphasized on the current and future potential of India-Japan relationships, specifically in five key sectors of healthcare, agriculture and food processing, digitalization of the economy, infrastructure, and startups.
- Referring to a specific healthcare program of Ayushman Bharat in India, potential pathways for healthcare cooperation between India and Japan were discussed.
- In reference to the Japan PM Abe's Society 5.0 & Industry 4.0 initiatives and the India PM Modi's Digital India & Start-up India & Smart City, new trends and opportunities in India Japan digital partnership were explained, and the key entry points were underlined.
- The India Japan collaboration potential for several other key areas like agriculture and food processing, infrastructure development, clean energy, education etc. were also underlined.

