## **Press Release**

Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. M.C. Sampath is heading a high level delegation to Japan along with Honb'le Minister for Rural Industries Thiru Benjamin between 26<sup>th</sup> Feb to 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018, to promote Japanese investments to the State. The delegation will be participating in Seminars and meeting the Japanese Business community and also hold meetings with METI, JICA and other Japanese trade and commerce organisations.This programme is being organized by Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Chennai (JCCIC), State Government of Tamil Nadu and Embassy of India, Japan.

The proposed visit comes in the wake of announcement of the Global Investors Meet scheduled to be held in January 2019. The Ministers will be accompanied by the Secretary to Government, MSME Department, Special Secretary to Government - Industries Department, and the Executive Vice Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance and Export Promotion Bureau. The delegation is scheduled to visit Tokyo, Yokohama and Hamamatsu cities of Japan to strengthen the trade and economic relationship between the States and also to promote industrial investments in Tamil Nadu.

With close to 600 Japanese companies operating in the State, Tamil Nadu has been identified as one of the most potential states for Japanese investments. Japan was one of the Partner Nations during Global Investors Meet 2015 and several Japanese companies including Maruchan Ajinomoto, Sekisui-DLJM, Takasago, Sojitz-Motherson Industrial park, Sumitomo M & M Industrial Park entered into MOUs with the Government of Tamil Nadu during the event and have also implemented the projects successfully

The delegation will make a detailed presentations on advantages of investing in Tamil Nadu during the seminars and also have Business to Government (B to G) meetings with prospective investors of Japan. Members of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Yokohama Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Hamamatsu Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be present during the seminar.

The delegation will be meeting officials from Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry (METI), Government of Japan, officials of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and also visit a few Companies like Yamaha Motors, and Sumitomo during the course of this five day programme.

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