Workshop
on
Japanese Perspectives on India’s Economic Development
Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 10:30 am - 5:00 pm
Conference Room, NCAER

Abstract: India is one of the world’s most populous and fastest growing economies. It is increasing its presence in the world economy by expanding cross-border transactions of goods, capital, labour and information. India’s rapid growth has significant implications not only for its domestic society but also the global community. There has been a surge of interest in Japan in India’s economic development prospects, partially reflecting the implementation of the India-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project.

India also faces serious domestic issues, including chronic poverty, income disparity, gender gap, corruption, environmental deterioration, food-security, inefficient resource allocation, and persistent underemployment. In Japan many specialists on the Indian economy have studied these issues for a long time, producing high-quality papers on several of these topics. It is difficult for Indian scholars to access these studies since most of them are in Japanese. This unique workshop, sponsored jointly by NCAER and the Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration (RIEB) of Kobe University, aims to overcome this difficulty and enable Japanese and Indian scholars and practitioners to exchange views on the nature and implications of India’s economic development and its political economy.

RIEB boasts the longest history of all social science research institutes affiliated to national universities in Japan. It is also the only university research institute in Japan to focus on the dual fields of economics and business administration.

Programme

10:30  Registration and Tea

11:00  Opening Remarks
Dr Shekhar Shah, Director-General, NCAER

11:10 - 12:50  Industrial Productivity
Chairperson: Dr Ram Upendra Das, Senior Fellow, RIS
The Impact of Informality on Productivity in the Indian Manufacturing: Evidence from Annual Survey of Industries and National Sample Survey
Mr Manabu Furuta, Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University

Productivity Dynamics and Rural Industrialization in India
Dr Takahiro Sato, Professor, Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration (RIEB), Kobe University

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:50 Labour Markets

Chairperson: Dr Ram Gopal Agarwala, Distinguished Fellow, RIS & Former World Bank Consultant

Indian Labour Markets and Returns to Education, 1983 to 2009-10
Dr Takahiro Sato

Indian People and Their Labour in Economic Development
Dr Junko Kiso, Professor, Faculty of Global and Inter-cultural Studies, Ferris University

15:50 - 16:00 Tea Break

16:00 - 16:50 Political Economy:
Chairperson: Dr Aradhna Aggarwal, Senior Fellow, NCAER

The Burden of Public Inaction: Agrarian Impasse in 'Growing' Bihar
Dr Kazuki Minato, Research Fellow, Institute of Developing Economies

16:50 - 17:00 Closing Remarks

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