

## VISIT OF JAPANESE DELEGATION FROM ICOSA

**Deccan Chamber of Commerce, Industries & Agriculture (“DCCIA”) & Indo Japan Business Council (“IJBC”)** hosted a Japanese delegation from International Cooperation for Small & Medium Enterprises in Asia (“**ICOSA**”) at Hotel Parc Estique, Nagar Road Pune on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

The motto of ICOSA is to provide a place for small business owners in Asian Countries including Japan to learn together so that small & medium Enterprises (SME) play a leading role in revitalizing the Asian Economy.

The ICOSA team was headed by **Mr Kurose Naohiro** – President (former Professor of Kaetsu University) & **Mr Hirohama Yashuhisa** – Vice President (Chairman of Hirohima Co. Ltd) . The other members of team were:-

- **Mr Sato Masafumi – Secretary General**
- **Mr Yamamoto Kuniooshi**
- **Mr Saito Teruo – Lawyer – (President Japan – India Lawyers Association)**
- **Ms Kawanami Toshiko (Representative of Nami HR Network)**
- **Mr Wada Masatake (Prof Emeritus of Teikyo University)**
- **Ms Koga Hiromi (Principal of Tagara Kindergarten)**

The event started with welcome address by **Mr. Abhishek Choudhury and Mr. Omkar Bari** of IJBC.

**Mr. H.P. Srivastava, Vice Chairman, DCCIA** in his address welcomed the delegation from ICOSA and other participants. He further shared the DCCIA’s journey of three decades, it’s vision and mission. Our aim is to relentlessly serve our members and help them in resolving the challenges faced by them, he added. He also briefed the participants about the services being offered by DCCIA on foreign trade front namely issuance of Certificate of Origin (COO) & Visa recommendation letters for consulates. He urged that those who are not yet members of DCCIA should consider becoming it’s member since it is one of the most active Chamber of Commerce in this industrial Belt.

Mr. Hirohama introduced ICOSA and briefed the participants as to how they help small businesses.

Mr. Sato Masafumi, introduced each member of delegation and further informed that ICOSA hosts online interview sessions conducted by their President. The sessions are held both English & Japanese. The participants can take advantage of the same. It was followed by an introduction session by all the participants.

The ICOSA delegates were felicitated at the hands of Mr. Yogesh Vaghani – Former Chairman – DCCIA, Mr. Rathin Sinha – Chairman DCCIA & Mr. H.P. Srivastava – Vice Chairman DCCIA. The delegates were presented with a DCCIA memento.

Team ICOSA also felicitated Mr. Yogesh Vaghani, Mr. Rathin Sinha and Mr. H.P. Srivastava (DCCIA) and Mr. Abhishek Choudhury (IJBC) and thanked both the organization for hosting this event.

The event was attended by over 35 delegates.