

# 51 Indian visionary leaders demonstrated VLFM skills in Japan, Tokyo : 19 to 27 May, 2014

The “Japan Visit” by 51 participants of the VLFM Batch 7 - Senior Manager’s Programme was a great success for CII and JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency).

This module has enabled participants to see India from an outside perspective and helped them in their future efforts in manufacturing. As VLFM is one of the very effective programmes for leadership development in Indian manufacturing today, the perspectives and insights from this visit will bring great value to them.

This Japan visit was unique and special for many reasons -

1. **Presentation by “Self-initiated Research” (SIR) Team:** In the presence of Mr Arvind Singh, Minister (Economic), Embassy of India in Japan, and senior persons from Japanese Industry, Government and Media, a presentation was made by 16 SIR teams. Mr Singh was enthusiastic about the presentation. He interacted with each SIR team member and motivated them for their future efforts in manufacturing.



*Mr Arvind Singh, Minister (Economic), Embassy of India in Japan and Senior persons from Japanese Industry, Government and media interacting with 51 participants during "Self-Initiated Research project" Presentation in Tokyo International Centre, Tokyo on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014*

2. **New lectures, New mindset:** Introductory seminars on Theory “U” by Mr Ryo Nakadoi and “Cool Japan” by Mr Yuichi Moronaga at JICA TIC were well received by the participants. Both these sessions opened the minds of participants to think beyond their routine work in manufacturing. The lecture on “Politics and Government in Japan” at JICA Chubu built up high interest levels and was timely due to the current political scenario in India.

3. **Exploring Japanese Heritage:** Participants explored the Tokyo metro by themselves. A visit to the Asakusa temple enabled the participants’ to become acquainted with Japan’s rich heritage in religion. Participants experienced the founder’s spirit in the organization during visits to the Sony Museum and the Toyota factory. A trip to Nagoya was truly memorable.



*Participants in Asakusa temple in Tokyo during Japan exploration with Prof Shoji Shiba on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014*

All the 51 participants not only brought home new learnings but also a determination to implement them in their areas of work.