

Gangtok, 31st January (IPR): The Launching of EduWork Japan 'Centre of Excellence' in Gangtok, Sikkim was successfully organized at Chintan Bhawan today. Launching the Centre in the state, the Chief Minister lauded the initiative of the Centre to strengthen the young people with skilled education and said that the state is proud since this is the first such Centre in the country.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that young people should be job giver and not job seekers and encouraged the young people who are equipped with skilled knowledge to become entrepreneur and not employees. Youngsters should not only depend from outside or from the state Government for development but the young people who are equipped with skilled knowledge should become an entrepreneur and create jobs to the state to render service to the people, the Chief Minister said.

"It is a great opportunity for our young people to gain knowledge from world class education of Japan, along with skill development and bright career prospects in a country like Japan. The concept of EJCOE includes developing skills of youths, vocational education, scholarships and career opportunities for our youths in Japan, besides other scopes in various fields. I hope that our youngsters will avail of these wonderful opportunities and become successful in the fields of their choice," he elaborated.

Chief Minister called on the youngsters to change the mindset for white-collar job but instead become entrepreneurs stating that there are enormous natural resources in the state that can boost the development of the state. He stressed that the young people should specially, work with a sense of belonging and a sense of responsibility for Sikkim. Setting aside differences like, caste, religion, political affiliations, we should come together, work hand in hand as a single entity for a common cause, ie for the betterment of Sikkim and the Sikkimese people.

Mr.Raju Monga, Managing Director and CEO, EduWork International Service Limited gave a brief presentation about the centre and said that it is a platform to provide quality education in order to excel in their career. He said the Centre will provide guidance, mentorship and opportunity to the youngsters of Sikkim and free training will also be provided for Japanese language before the students joins the course in Japan.

Mr.Kunihiro Arai, Executive Director, Global Strategy Division, Gakken Holdings Co. Ltd, Tokyo and Mr.Hisahiro Yoshioka, Principal, O-Hara Japanese Language Institute, Tokyo expressed his gratitude and happiness to be a part of such event in Sikkim. He said that the institute is committed to mould future of Sikkimese students through specialized education and thereby contribute towards social development. He also hoped that this Centre would build a more formidable bridge between Japan and India (Sikkim). He thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for being a part of this project and for working towards the interest of the Sikkimese people. He also urged the students to strongly avail of the opportunities to build successful careers in Japan as well as in India.

Earlier, the presentation of Souvenirs to the Hon'ble Chief Minister was presented by the Japanese delegates. Likewise souvenirs to the Japanese delegates were also presented by the HCM.

The event also saw the launching of brochures for EduWork Japan Center and an Audio/Visual presentation during the programme.

During the launching programme Cabinet Ministers Shri R.B.Subba, Shri G.M.Gurung, Mayor GMC Shri Shakti Singh Choudhary, Senior officials and delegates from Japan were present.

Event also has the two days seminars on, "Study and Work in Japan" for Students of Sikkim and nearby regions. Free Japanese language training and 40% scholarship are also being offered to every student under this programme.

EduWork Japan presents Indian students an opportunity to study and work in Japan, in partnership with O-HARA Japanese Language Institute. Various courses are available with part time/full time facilities and career opportunities to work with leading Japanese companies in Japan, India and around the world.

