

Report on Courtesy visit to Hyogo Prefectural Government

Date of visit	26 March, 2015 (Thu.)
Place of visit	Hyogo Prefectural Government (Kobe city, Hyogo pref.)
Visitors	TERI: 2 (Mr. Girish Sethi, Mr. Prosanto Pal) IGES: 4

On 26 March, 2015 representatives from IGES (Kansai research centre) from TERI, namely Mr. Girish Sethi and Mr. Prosanto Pal, made a courtesy visit to Hyogo Prefectural Government. During the visit, a welcome greeting was made by Ms. Junko Umetani, chief director of the environmental department, followed by an introduction of environmental policies introduced in Hyogo prefecture, the state of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission in the prefecture, the establishment of a planning and reporting system on GHG emissions control on a large-scale.

During his remarks, Mr. Girish Sethi highlighted the results and findings from IGES-TERI joint activities in India over the last 6 years, and emphasised the need to continue and enhance such successful cooperation among stakeholders from India and Japan to promote the application and transfer of Japanese low-carbon technologies more widely in India, especially at the industrial sector and to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) where there is significant potential of CO2 emissions reduction and energy saving.

Given that Hyogo prefecture has initiated cooperation initiatives with Gujarat state in India since the current Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi was the Gujarat state prime minister, under 'ABCDEF' Exchange *1, etc. between Hyogo and Gujarat, and given that IGES and TERI have a wide network and expertise to promote low-carbon technology transfer and application in India, there was acknowledgement among the participants that such cooperation should be stimulated further to contribute to the development toward a low-carbon society in Gujarat state, through a cooperation initiative under 'E' component related to the environment as part of the 'ABCDEF' Exchange, as well as through mobilising the involvement of the private sector in Hyogo prefecture, to contribute in these efforts.



'ABCDEF' Exchange*1: A (Academic / human resources, education), B (Business / economy), C (Culture / culture, tourism), D (Disaster Reduction), E (Environment), F (Food)