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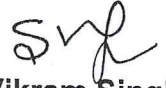
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2014

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Constitution of Steering Committee to operationalize the partnership agreement.

A partner city affiliation agreement was signed between the city of Varanasi and city of Kyoto during the visit of Prime Minister to Japan (30 August- 3 September 2014).

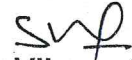
1. The partner city affiliation agreement between Kyoto and Varanasi refers to culture, art, academies, heritage conservation and city modernization, as potential areas of cooperation.
2. The following areas that could be considered to operationalize this agreement:-
  - (a) Elements pertaining to modernization of city, including upgradation of water management and sewage facilities, waste management, urban transportation etc., where Japanese side has particular expertise and technology.
  - (b) Varanasi has a number of heritage sites where Varanasi could draw on Japanese practices, techniques and management on heritage conservation.
  - (c) Establish exchanges between Kyoto University and Banaras Hindu University, as well as religious organization.
3. In this regard, I am directed to convey that competent authority has constituted a steering committee under the chairmanship of Secretary (UD) to operationalize the partnership agreement between city of Varanasi and city of Kyoto.
4. The Steering committee will comprise of following officials,
  1. Chief Secretary /Principal Secretary Urban Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
  2. Representative from the Ministry of Culture ( Joint Secretary level officer)
  3. Representative from the Ministry of HRD(Joint Secretary level officer)
  4. Representative from the Ministry of MEA (Joint Secretary level officer)
  5. Representative from the Ministry of Finance(Joint Secretary level officer)
  6. DG, Archeological Survey of India
  7. Joint Secretary(works), Ministry of Urban Development , Member Convener
  8. Chairman /Commissioner, Varanasi Development Authority
  9. Mayor of Varanasi.
  10. Municipal Commissioner of Varanasi.



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1. Chief Secretary /Principal Secretary Urban Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, with request to nominate a Joint Secretary level officer for steering committee
3. Secretary ,Ministry of HRD , Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, with request to nominate a Joint Secretary level officer for steering committee,
4. Secretary ,Ministry of MEA , South Block, New Delhi, with request to nominate a Joint Secretary level officer for steering committee
5. Secretary, Ministry of the Ministry of Finance , North Block, New Delhi, with request to nominate a Joint Secretary level officer for steering committee
6. DG (ASI), Office of the Director General, Janpath, New Delhi
7. Commissioner of Varanasi/ VDA.
8. Mayor of Varanasi.
9. Municipal Commissioner of Varanasi.
10. Ambassador of India, Embassy of India, 2-2-11 Kudan Minami, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 1020074, reference to your D.O no nil dated 14.10.2014.



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