

Special Educator from Tamana visits Tokyo

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Boski Sharma, a Special educator from Tamana Special School was nominated by Tamana for the Japan Foundation's of JENESYS East Asia Future Leaders Program: Social Welfare Group. The program was held in Tokyo from 26th february to 9th march 2011 . Till now 6000 youths have participated in JENESYS Future Leaders Program on different themes such as Cultural Diversity (2007), Sustainable Society-Nature (2008), Comprehensive Peace-Building Initiative (2010), etc. This was the first time they chose the theme of Social Welfare. 26 participants from 14 different countries- Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore-, Thailand, Viet Nam, **India**, Australia-, New Zealand, China, Korea, Japan were part of the programme.

Targeting candidates to lead and forge the future of the next generation in various countries this program aimed to promote a better understanding of Japan as well as to cultivate future leaders with an understanding of Japan in the various layers of society and fields through discussions on critical issues in East Asia so as to build up a human network in the region. Participants were given opportunities to exchange information and discuss common issues with participants from different countries and to share a view in developing an international network under the theme of "Social Welfare -Self reliance of the Socially Vulnerable and Symbiosis with Globalised community".

Government Of Japan Extends Grant Assistance For Grassroots Projects

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The Embassy of Japan in India, under its scheme " Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects", today decided to extend grant assistance of US\$63,892 to Tamana for setting up prefabricated structures, which will house work centres such as a bakery, dry clean unit, food processing unit, tailoring unit and pottery unit. This grant will be used for meeting the growing needs for vocational education and economic rehabilitation of special needs students. Additional space was required in the existing school to provide effective and sustainable vocational training. To this end, the Embassy of Japan has decided to grant assistance to set up work centres/ sheltered workshops . Till date Tamana has been providing educational and vocational skills. Now the students have reached a stage where they are trained and ready to be placed. These students have been trained in vocations which utilize the modern day technologies that can be adapted to the needs of these individuals. The work centres will further refine their vocational skill and offer them employment in a safe and disabled friendly environment. The final aim is that the student becomes independent and self sufficient according to their own capabilities. Tamana plans to professionally train autistic and mentally challenged young adults in area of tailoring, handicrafts, baking, pottery, laundry, food processing. Efforts will be made to transfer trained individuals to commercial organisation in wider community or help parents to set-up work centres in their locality and absorb the trained individual.

