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- Mizuho Bank strengthens Japan-India startup cooperation support

Mizuho Bank is a Japanese *financial* company and *is proposing to assist* Indian start-up companies. The company plans to start investing in startup companies. To introduce Japanese startups to *Indian* startup companies *is expected to be easier*. There are many venture capital and start-up companies in southern India in the city of Bangalore which is also called “Indian Silicon Valley.”

- Promoting cooperation with NSRCEL School (IIMB).

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 Mr. Koji Fujiwara visited the business school (IIMB) and talked about “Leadership.” He gave a lecture on the theme of “Digital Era”. IIM Bangalore is a top *business* school and has a high reputation worldwide. IIMB aims to promote industry-academia-government collaboration between Japan and India, *through the* Japan-India Study Centre, *which* was established in 2017. Mizuho Bank supports these activities and between companies in both countries. Mizuho Bank also promotes this *objective* and is recruiting new IIMB graduates.

- Mizuho Bank representatives added that the bank has information on dozens of excellent Indian companies. The bank has introduced an *Indian* start-up company to a Japanese company. Recently, there has been more effort in this area of friendship because the feelings are getting stronger, they said.