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Gujarat Technological University

School of Management Studies

Report on

“Japan Delegation Visit to GTU – School of Management Studies (GTU-SMS)”

1. Title of Event: Japan Delegation Visit to GTU – School of Management Studies (GTU-SMS)
2. Type of Event: International Delegation Visit
3. Date: 20th November, 2025
Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
4. Venue: GTU-SMS, Ahmedabad
5. Details of Delegates from Japan
 - Iwasaki Kunihiro – Data & Investigative Reports Center
 - Uema Koji – Photo & Video News Group
 - Bhavik Shah – CEO, ThinkBiz / Vebuin JP
 - Mohd Jaukh – HR Lead
 - Shaishav Shah – Vice President
 - Mira Yadav – Vebuin JP

GTU-SMS Participants

- Dr. Pankajray Patel, Professor and Director, GTU-School of Management Studies
- Dr. Kaushal A. Bhatt, Coordinator IQAC–GTU and Associate Professor, GTU-SMS
- Dr. Dr. Krishnaba Vaghela, Associate Professor, GTU-School of Management Studies

- Dr. Ruma Pal, Assistant Professor, GTU-School of Management Studies
- Dr. Kaushik B. Kanada, Planning and Development Officer (PDO), GTU

6. Description of the Event:

Gujarat Technological University (GTU) – School of Management Studies (GTU-SMS) had the distinct honour of hosting an esteemed international delegation from Japan on 20th November 2025. The visit served as an important milestone in GTU's continuous efforts toward global academic engagement, cross-cultural exchange, and strengthening international partnerships.

The visit aimed at gaining insights into the Indian higher education ecosystem, student learning experiences, and GTU's entrepreneurial environment. The delegation comprised senior professionals from the Data & Investigative Reports Center, Photo & Video News Group, and Vebuin JP, along with members of their India-based partner organization.

The visit was coordinated under the leadership of Dr. Pankajray Patel, Professor & Director, GTU-SMS, and Dr. Kaushal Bhatt, Coordinator IQAC–GTU and Associate Professor. Their efforts ensured smooth engagement and meaningful interactions throughout the delegation's visit.



The delegation arrived at GTU-SMS at approximately 11:00 AM, where they were warmly welcomed by the faculty team. The welcome ceremony reflected Indian hospitality and GTU's commitment to fostering meaningful international relations.

Dr. Pankajray Patel delivered an insightful introductory address, highlighting GTU's academic structure, industry-oriented pedagogy, and global outreach initiatives. He emphasized the university's commitment to interdisciplinary growth, innovation-driven learning, and its evolving internationalization strategy.



Mr. Bhavik Shah, CEO of ThinkBiz and Vebuin Japan, shared an inspiring narrative about his entrepreneurial journey. He discussed how he successfully expanded his organization to a team of 20 employees, overcame early-stage business challenges, and developed a global work culture rooted in discipline, creativity, and technological advancement.

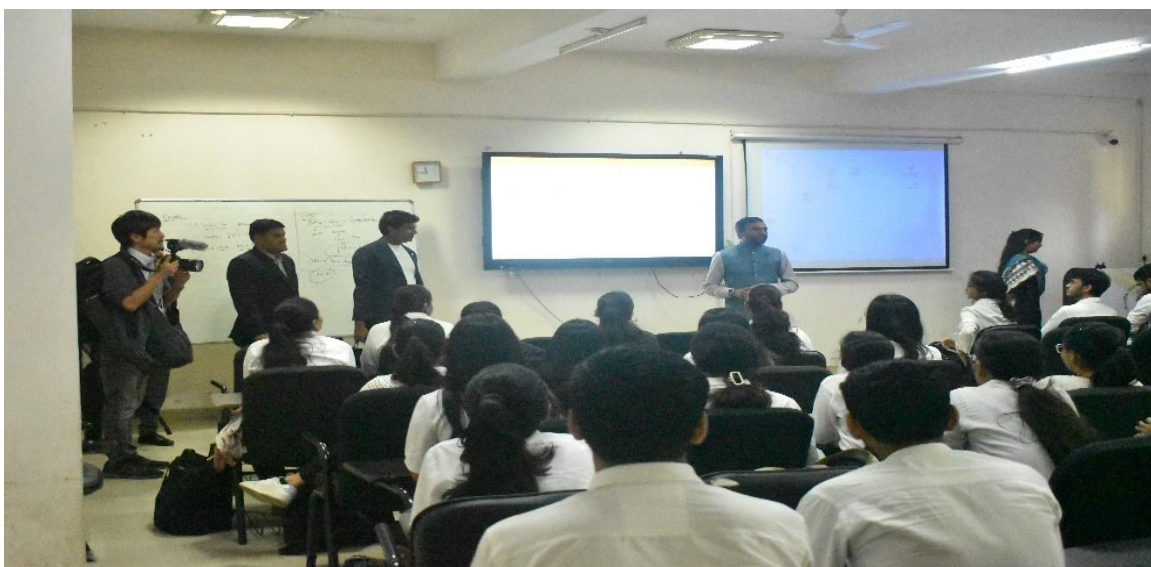
His insights provided students and faculty members with a real-world understanding of international markets, cross-border entrepreneurship, and the role of strategic leadership in global ventures.



A structured campus tour was organized to showcase GTU's academic and administrative infrastructure. The delegation visited classrooms, seminar halls, discussion spaces, and faculty work areas. Faculty- delegation interaction focused on:

- Innovative teaching methodologies
- Industry-integrated curriculum practices
- The role of experiential learning in management education
- Developing collaborative academic frameworks

Students also interacted with the delegation, sharing experiences related to academic projects, internships, and entrepreneurial aspirations.



The visit to Atal Incubation Center – GTU (AIC- GTU) served as one of the most impactful segments of the delegation’s tour. Members explored startup incubation spaces, interacted with entrepreneurs, and gained insights into the ongoing projects in sectors including:

- Technology and AI solutions
- Sustainable product development
- Healthcare innovation
- Digital transformation services

The delegation expressed deep appreciation for GTU’s role in nurturing student- led startups and enabling a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem within the campus.



Both GTU-SMS and the Japanese delegation expressed strong interest in developing a structured long-term partnership.

Key Outcomes of the Visit

- Enhanced global visibility for GTU-SMS within Japan's academic and industrial network
- Strengthened cross-border industry-academic relationships
- Exposure of GTU startups to international innovation stakeholders
- Identification of new collaborative possibilities in research, training, and joint programs
- Increased student engagement with international professionals

The visit concluded with a formal vote of thanks and a constructive discussion on possible avenues of collaboration such as:

- Faculty and student exchange programs
- Joint research and publication initiatives
- International training programs
- Entrepreneurship and incubation partnerships

The Japan Delegation Visit to GTU- SMS was highly successful, enriching, and strategically meaningful. The event not only strengthened GTU's position in international academic collaboration but also opened promising avenues for future engagements in innovation, entrepreneurship, and global education.

GTU- SMS extends its sincere gratitude to all delegation members, coordinators, faculty representatives, students, and supporting staff whose efforts ensured the seamless execution of this important international engagement.

8. Geotag Photographs of the meet:



Glimpses of the meet:





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