

Regional Innovation Forum 2016 towards Grand Design of National Spatial Development

— International Technology Exchange between India and Japan —

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Venue: NABE Hall, Southern Tohoku General Hospital, Koriyama city

We propose to accelerate activities towards smart community. In order to achieve the smart community, important elements are (1) Utilization of renewable energy sources, (2) Biotechnology including modernization of agriculture, (3) Healthier life of people.

TeFFA proposed to start collaboration between Fukushima and Madhya Pradesh, India, both of which have similar smart community projects. This collaboration could promote regional innovation projects in Fukushima.

We invited Dr. Michael Nobel who directs The Nobel Sustainability Trust Foundation (NSF), and discussed on promotion of international technology exchange between Japan and India and collaboration concerning regional innovation, starting with this forum of “Regional Innovation 2016”. As a summary of the discussion, Dr. Michael Nobel, Mr. Rajinder Kumar Kaura, Chairperson of the Solar Energy Society of India, and Mr. Hiroshi Kato, Chairperson of TeFFA signed Memorandum of Understanding, which describes their intention to start collaboration, observed by Dr. Kazuo Watanabe, President of Southern TOHOKU Research Institute for Neuroscience.

Participants also visited the advanced facilities of Southern Tohoku General Hospital including BNCT (Boron Neutron Capture Therapy), and “Ken-inn L-cub; House for health-maintenance medicine.

