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Mahindra University's Students to Study in Japan Under New Exchange Programme with Hiroshima University

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Mahindra University Signs MoU with Japan's Hiroshima University to Foster Academic and Research Collaboration

Hyderabad/New Delhi, xxx 2025: Mahindra University (MU), Hyderabad, has entered into a strategic partnership with Japan's prestigious Hiroshima University (HU), marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during a ceremony held in Hiroshima, Japan.

This collaboration marks a significant step towards fostering global academic excellence, research innovation, and cross-cultural exchange through a comprehensive exchange programme and joint initiatives.

The MoU was signed at a formal ceremony held in Japan by Dr Yajulu Medury, Vice Chancellor of Mahindra University, and Dr Mitsuo Ochi, President of Hiroshima University. This significant event was also attended by key academic leaders from Mahindra University, including Dr Visalakshi Talakokula, Assistant Dean of Academics and Research and Development, École Centrale School of Engineering, Mahindra University, and Dr Rajinder Chauhan, Dean of the Centre for Life Sciences, Mahindra University, who played instrumental roles in shaping the terms of the MoU and will continue to oversee its implementation.

This partnership opens the door to a range of collaborative initiatives, with the 3+1 undergraduate engineering programme being a standout. This unique programme offers Mahindra University students a chance to immerse themselves in an international academic environment, spending three years in Hyderabad and the final year at Hiroshima University. During their time in Japan, they will undertake coursework and complete a thesis for graduation. Upon successful completion, students will receive a certificate from Hiroshima University and a final degree from Mahindra University, which will absorb the credits earned at Hiroshima University.

Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, Dr Yajulu Medury, Vice Chancellor of Mahindra University, said, *"We are honoured to partner with Hiroshima University, a leading institution of research. This marks a significant milestone in our quest to internationalize education—enabling Mahindra University students to spend their final year at Hiroshima University, which will enrich their academic growth and intercultural understanding. It underscores our shared commitment to nurturing globally competent graduates equipped to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world."*

In addition to the joint degree initiative, the MoU outlines broad-based cooperation in areas including the promotion of joint research projects across thematic and strategic areas, exchange of faculty and administrative staff, undergraduate and graduate student exchanges, and collaborative sharing of academic publications and research outcomes.

“This partnership reflects our shared commitment to fostering academic excellence, nurturing young talent, and driving collaborative research on issues of global importance,” said Dr Mitsuo Ochi, President of Hiroshima University. “It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mahindra University into Hiroshima University’s global academic network. We look forward to a meaningful and enduring relationship with the university.”

The first batch of Mahindra students is expected to begin their final-year studies at Hiroshima in the 2026 academic year. The selection process for this unique opportunity will be rigorous and transparent, ensuring that the most deserving students are chosen. Students will be required to pay the applicable tuition fee at HU; however, the university will waive examination and entrance fees to make the opportunity more accessible.

About Mahindra University:

Mahindra University, Hyderabad (India), is a multidisciplinary, private university with a vision of "Educating future citizens for and of a better world". It aims to play a significant role in driving globally acclaimed innovation in higher education in the coming years. Mahindra University’s special focus is on generating new knowledge through engagement in cutting-edge research, creating a spirit of research and discovery, experiential learning and entrepreneurship, whilst forging collaborations with industry and global academic institutions. The university is backed by Mahindra Educational Institutions (MEI), a subsidiary of Tech Mahindra Ltd., the flagship IT company of the Mahindra Group, a US \$20.3 billion industrial entity that employs more than 256,000 employees across 100 countries.