

CII Commemorates Dr. V.Krishnamurthy: Nakajima Prize Winner,2007

The Confederation of Indian Industry today commemorated Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, Chairman, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council at a Special Ceremony organized in Delhi today. His Excellency, Mr. Y.Enoki, Ambassador of Japan to India, handed over the Nakajima Prize that was conferred upon Dr. Krishnamurthy by the Japan Institute of Productivity Management in Japan last month. Dr. Krishnamurthy is the only Indian to receive this coveted honor.

Lauding Dr. Krishnamurthy's efforts in enhancing the India Japan trade and friendship, Mr. Enoki said "For us he is a real leader, both for the joint and private sector. He is famous as the Chairman of Maruti responsible for the marriage between Maruti and Suzuki. For this achievement Japan is grateful to him". Talking about the increased trade activity between India and Japan over the last one year the Ambassador added, "Japanese establishments in India have grown by 50% in the last one year. The number that stood at 320 last January, stood at 470 in February 2007. And, this does not include the large deals." Thanking Japan, and in particular JIPM, for recognizing his efforts, Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, in his acceptance speech said, "This award is not only a recognition of my efforts but the efforts of the Indian industry in adopting TPM. More particularly, it is the recognition of CII's efforts, who have spearheaded the TPM movement in India."

"India has learnt a lot from Japanese industry and professionals who started coming to India after the Maruti Suzuki partnership. They brought along a number of associated companies. Indian manufacturing industry has received tremendous support and help from Japan," said Dr. Krishnamurthy. We are happy that through the efforts of TPM Club India, CII and the Indian industry we are today being recognized as the largest practitioners of TPM outside Japan, he added.

Mr. Ashok Taneja, Member of the Board of TPM Club and Managing Director, Sri Ram Pistons and Rings urged the Indian industry to increasingly adopt TPM, since TPM has the power to change the way industry works.

Mr. Rohit Relan, Managing Director, Bharat Seats Ltd., while speaking on the occasion said that TPM implementation requires dedication, total cultural change and an open mind to accept change. Bharat Seats was one of the 16 TPM Award Winners from India this year. Gen. S.S. Mehta (Retd.), Director General, CII said that Dr. V. Krishnamurthy's support to the TPM initiatives over the years had been commendable. His contribution to setting up the TQM Division in CII in 1988 is a milestone etched in stone for us. In Dr. Krishnamurthy, JIPM found and recognized a leader by conferring on him the highest honor that an individual can receive from a Japanese Institution. Dr. Krishnamurthy is the first Indian to receive this unique distinction" said Gen. Mehta. New Delhi 12 April, 2007.