

JICA official visits Ahd Metro work sites

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Chief representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Takema Sakamoto, on Friday visited several sites of the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project. JICA is the funding the project.

Sakamoto launched a Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) at Kalupur on the same day. There is a plan to integrate the upcoming high-speed rail with western railways at Kalupur. He praised the Metro-Link Express for Gandhinagar-Ahmedabad for its efforts and said that the project would put an end to traffic congestion in the area be-



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sides bolstering trade and commerce in the city along with catering to transportation needs.

Speaking at the Ahmedabad Management Association, he explained the activities of JICA and said the agenda was to progress towards "Sustainable Develop-

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Concluding his address, Sakamoto discussed the major points of the Indian Budget 2018-19 and highlighted that there is requirement for more mobilization for growth/infrastructure.

His constant emphasis was on how the private sector participation can facilitate sustainable development efficiently. He assured that JICA will ensure sustainable development through constant support in the form of lending, policy formation and implementation of development projects across various sectors.

ment". He pointed out that inclusive development through improvement in infrastructure, policies and human resource development supported by economic development, private sector participation and business environment improvement