



Next Asia Steel Conference shall be Held in India in 2018 : Prof. K. Morit

| Total Number of Presentations in (Asia Steel-2015, Japan) | Number of Contributions from China | Number of Contributions from S.Korea | Number of Contributions from Japan | Number of Contributions from India |
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| 317 | 64 | 41 | 171 | 09 |

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Asia Steel conference, which is held every three years, was recently held in the beautiful harbor city Yokohama in Japan during October 5th and 8th. The conference was attended by nearly 400 delegates. ISIJ (Iron and Steel Institute of Japan) which organized the 2015 conference also celebrated hundred years of its fruitful existence (1915-2015) on the 6th October evening. Delegates were predominantly from Japan, China, South Korea and India. Some participants from Australia, Canada and European countries were also seen. The conference started with five plenary lectures on the morning of 5th Oct. The Plenary



speakers were from Japan (2), Korea (1), China (1) and India (1). In the plenary session, Mr. SS Mohanty, Technical Director, SAIL made a presentation on product development in various SAIL plants. Thereafter, numerous parallel sessions were held for the next two days on diverse theme encompassing such topics as, Thermodynamics, refining, reactions in blast furnace, oxygen steelmaking, inclusions,

casting, phase transformation, rolling and so on. Altogether 80 sessions were held and a large number of presentations were made on the above mentioned subjects. The extent of participation of various major Asian steel producing countries is illustrated in the table below. Participants from India included delegates from SAIL corporate office, Tata Steel, IIT (Kanpur, Kharagpur and Roorkee) and Asia steel conference was co-organized by the Indian Institute of Metals, The Chinese Society for Metals and The Korean Institute Metals and Materials. During the conference banquet, held on the evening of 7th October, organizing committee chairman Prof. K. Morita announced that the next Asia Steel conference in 2018 shall be held in India.

SRTMI Gives Boost to R&D in Indian Steel : Tomar



Shri Tomar presented the NMD awards at the 53rd National Metallurgists' Day celebrations held at Coimbatore, Tamilnadu on 14th November, 2015, under the aegis of Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India.

While congratulating the awardees, Shri Tomar said, "Indian Institute of Metals came into existence the same year in which India got its independence. This historical correlation places great responsibility and accountability on IIM, which it is fulfilling in the right spirit. NMD awards carry special significance as these are given to people excelling the field of metals and metallurgy, which is associated with professional hazards and risks. These people need to be recognized

for their contribution to the industry, society and country so that others emulate their example and join the metal fraternity. R&D in Indian steel industry has lagged behind the desired levels and industry has suffered because of that. Steel Research and Technology Mission of India (SRTMI), which I mentioned during previous meeting, has taken concrete shape now and it is for the industry veterans, academics and experts to make full use of the platform. I urge the participants to deliberate and come up with actionable outcomes in this direction during the remaining days of the programme. Government is taking all possible steps to remove bottlenecks to the growth of steel and metal industry in India. Whether it is a raw material security, dumping, excessive imports, corrective steps have been taken to improve the situation. We are keeping constant vigil on the developing scenario and shall take appropriate steps as and when necessitated."

Total 12 NMD awards were given to

professionals who have excelled in the field of metallurgy. The highest award namely Lifetime achievement award was conferred on Shri RN Parbat, former director and COO, INDAL. The chief guest also gave away the two prestigious awards viz. IIM Sustainability Awards to industries under different categories and the IIM-JRD Tata Award for Excellence in Corporate Leadership in Metallurgical Industries, which was given to Shri M Narayana Rao, former CMD, MIDHANI. Shri Sunil Barthwal, Joint Secretary, the Special Guest on the occasion summarized the various capacity building initiatives of the Ministry to improve the research and human resource development in the steel sector in India.

The award function was part of the 4-day long programme which included International Symposium on Vision 2025 and the 69th Annual Technical Meeting during 13-16 November 2015. It has been organized by Indian Institute of Metals in association with Department of Metallurgical Engineering, PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore and R&D Centre for Iron and Steel, SAIL. This is the largest metallurgical conclave organised in India during 2015 and more than 1000 delegates representing industry, academia and research organisations in India and abroad are taking part in this event.