

## Mahratta and Kawasaki Chambers Join as CACCI Affiliate Members

Two local chambers – one from India and the other from Japan – have joined CACCI as Affiliate Members.

The membership applications of Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) and of Kawasaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) were formally approved during the 77th CACCI Council Meeting held on 5 July 2010 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The admission of MCCIA and KCCI brings the total number of CACCI Affiliate Members to 14.

### Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture



Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) has been playing a significant role in accelerating the industrial and economic development of Pune region in India since its establishment in 1934.

The Chamber's functions and activities have proved beneficial to the industry and therefore it has attracted a strong base of 2,850 members from different segments like engineering, automotive and auto ancillaries, information technology, biotechnology, electronics & software, agriculture and agri-business, environment technologies and chemicals, among others.

As an association for the promotion of trade, industry and commerce, MCCIA's vision is to "facilitate the transformation of Pune as the Premier Destination Globally for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Agriculture".

The MCCIA's significant contribution to the economic development of Pune and India as a whole was recently recognized when it was selected as one of the finalists of the 4th Local Chamber Awards (Big Chamber Category) of CACCI during the 24th CACCI Conference held on 5-7 July 2010 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

### Kawasaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Established on October 7, 1940, the Kawasaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) currently boasts of 5,310 members under the leadership of its Chairman Mr. Hiroshi Nishioka and its President Mr. Takeshi Nose.

Kawasaki, the city has a long history of incubating SMEs and eventually assisting in the development of big-sized manufacturers. Aside from its business-friendly environment, Kawasaki city also enjoys convenient transportation access following the re-expansion of Haneda Airport.

Under such an environment, the KCCI aims to encourage new manufacturing industries, trigger business activities, further the maintenance of traffic infrastructure, regenerate coastal areas and create new industries, in an effort to bring new energy to the regional economy.

KCCI also pursues a wide range of programs to develop and enhance its business relations internationally. It not only introduces up-to-date industry activities to foreign markets, but also dispatches delegations to other countries for trade promotion. ■