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## Kamal Nath to lead India in Tokyo

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Commerce and industry minister Kamal Nath will lead the Indian delegation to the World Economic Forum's East Asia summit in Tokyo, from June 15. He will also participate in the 'India Everywhere' campaign to start a day before the summit.

The delegation will include Madhya Pradesh chief minister Babulal Gaur, and other dignitaries.

Another delegation com-

prising of CEOs will be led by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) president R Seshasayee.

Over 250 global leaders from business, government and academia will congregate at the forum to discuss Asia's political, industrial and economic agendas.

The theme of this year's meeting is 'Creating a New Agenda for Asian Integration'. The discussion will also focus on how to integrate India further into East Asia.

Japan is among India's top

five trading partners. Total trade between India and Japan was close to \$ 5 billion during 2004-2005. Japan has emerged as the fourth-largest FDI contributor to India for the period from 1991 to 2004. Consistently, Japanese companies such as Suzuki, Toyota, Honda and Mitsubishi Chemicals have invested in India.

Japan contributes around 8% to India's total technical collaboration with foreign partners. Indian companies, too, are exploring Japan as an investment opportunity. ♦