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Japanese companies planning Chennai's second integrated township

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CHENNAI: Even as work is still in progress for the first integrated township in Chennai, Japanese companies have begun the process of setting up the second one in the city.

A joint venture (JV) between [Sojitz and Motherson](#) is planning a 200-acre industrial park in Sriperumbudur near Chennai, which will house both Indian and Japanese companies across sectors like automotive, electronics and food processing. The JV is awaiting clearance from the government for the project, says director-general of [Japan External Trade Organization](#) (Jetro) Hidehiro Ishiura.

The first one, initially called the Omega industrial township and now renamed as One Hub Chennai, is coming up on the [Chennai Suburban Road](#), 55km from Chennai. This 1,600-acre park, built by Ascendas and a consortium from Japan, will house more than 60 Japanese companies when the project is complete.

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Recently, three Japanese companies -- [Hitachi Automotive Systems](#), [Ajinomoto](#) and [Takasago](#) -- announced that they would set up a second township. The township will house industrial and business units, residential complexes and other social infrastructure like a mall in this

There are about 360 Japanese companies in Tamil Nadu. More than 700 Japanese expats are living in the state and over \$4.8 billion worth of business is being exchanged between Japan and Tamil Nadu. "We feel there is scope for a lot more business which is why we are planning the second township even before the first one is fully operational. We see scope for more such townships both in Tamil Nadu and across the country," said Ishiura.

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