

Training for resource persons

Workshop on work-aids & attachment making by ATDC-SMART TOT Academy in collaboration with JUKI India Pvt. Ltd

THE Indian apparel industry is a key pillar of manufacturing and employment generation in India, contributing 4 per cent to GDP, 14 per cent to industrial production and 20 per cent to exports and currently employing nearly 10 million people in the garment sector and over 38 million in the entire textile & apparel value chain. However, the apparel industry is going through challenging times with escalating costs, tighter delivery schedules and shrinking availability of well-trained and skilled human resource. There is also an increasing demand for trainers who can further train workforce across various domains of the apparel industry.

Understanding this crucial requirement, the Apparel Training & Design Centre- SMART Training of Trainers' Academy (ATDC-SMART TOT) has conducted various training programmes to upgrade the knowledge base and skill levels of ATDC's lecturers, instructors and train-



Dr Darlie Koshy presenting a memento to Kenichi Motomaru

ers as well as interested apparel industry participants.

The latest in its series of training programmes was a 'Workshop on Work-aids & Attachment Making for Increasing Efficiency in Apparel Construction' from December 5 to 9, 2011. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with Juki Corporation, Japan. Takahashi San, Chief, Sewing Research Institute, Juki Corporation, was the lead expert trainer.

The workshop saw participation from reputed export houses along with the ATDC's own trainers and faculty resources. The participants benefitted from calculation techniques and methodology taught for construction of everyday useful work-aids and attachments for garment manufacture. These work-aids prove to be a cost-effective option for complex sewing operations and help in reducing operations or clubbing multiple operations in one. The attachments also help in improving productivity, quality and efficiency of overall all production.

The valedictory function of this five-day training was graced by Manisha Sinha, Director, Ministry of Textiles, GOI; Dr Darlie Koshy, DG & CEO-IAM & ATDC; and Kenichi Motomaru, Director, Juki India Pvt. Ltd. Manisha Sinha handed over the training programme certificates to the participants and lauded ATDC for taking timely steps in setting up the Training of Trainers' Academy to address the acute shortage of skilled, qualified and experienced trainers and technical expertise for various issues confronting apparel manufacturing industry.

On the occasion Dr Darlie Koshy, DG & CEO-IAM & ATDC congratulated the participants for successfully completing the training and announced the opening of ATDC's 2nd SMART TOT Academy in Thiruvananthapuram on December 29, 2011.

ATDC-SMART TOT ACADEMY TRAININGS TILL DATE

- Best practices for apparel industry (in collaboration with RBC)
- Training on special industrial machines (in collaboration with JUKI Corporation, Japan)
- Machine maintenance training programme (in collaboration with JUKI Corporation, Japan & Brother International)
- Attachment making workshop

TRAINING PROGRAMME CALENDAR TILL 31ST MARCH 2012

- **Dec, 2011 & Jan, 2012:** Seminar on latest ironing equipments (in collaboration with RAMSONS)
- **Jan, 2012:** Seminar on special/ advanced sewing machines (in collaboration with JUKI)
- **Jan, 2012:** Seminar on cutting & fusing equipments (in collaboration with Hashima)
- **Feb, 2012:** Seminar on specialised sewing machines (in collaboration with ALT)
- **Feb, 2012:** Seminar on industrial engineering (in collaboration with ALT)