

## **NSDC International and Sompso Care Collaborate to enhance Caregiver Training in India**

*Greater Noida, India – December 6, 2024 – NSDC International and Sompso Care Inc. are thrilled to announce their collaboration aimed at establishing a sustainable training and facilitating international opportunities for quality caregivers in India. As part of this partnership, a state-of-the-art training lab has been set up in NSDCI Greater Noida training centre, designed to enhance practical caregiving skills and Japanese language education programs. This facility will enable trainees to build a solid foundation in both Japanese language proficiency and caregiving skills, ensuring they meet the demands of care operations effectively. Through this initiative, NSDCI and SOMPO Care aim to equip Indian caregivers with the necessary tools to excel in the global healthcare landscape, particularly in Japan, where there is a pressing need for skilled professionals.*

*On inauguration of the lab, **Shri Ved Mani Tiwari, COO (Officiating CEO), NSDC & MD, NSDC International** said, “We are excited for our partnership with Sompso Care Inc., marking a significant milestone for NSDC International. This collaboration enables us to provide specialized training programs for Indian nursing care personnel, enhancing their skills and preparing them for valuable opportunities in Japan's healthcare system. Together, we aim to address the growing demand for skilled nursing professionals in Japan while strengthening the ties between India and Japan in the healthcare sector. Through this initiative, we are committed to bridging the gap in healthcare services and supporting the global need for qualified caregivers.”*

Discussions between NSDCI and Sompso Care commenced in November 2023, leading to the signing of an agreement in July 2024. The collaboration includes a comprehensive nine-month Japanese language training program and caregiver domain training designed for Indian caregivers, before being employed at Sompso Care facilities in Japan.

The Nursing Care Lab will offer practical training conducted by qualified trainers from SOMPO Care, ensuring that candidates are well-prepared to meet operational standards in Japan. The pilot program will focus on 75 candidates across three batches before scaling up to the larger numbers.

*During his address, **Shigeru Ando, Corporate Director of SOMPO Care** said, “Today, those of you who have gathered here are about to embark on a nine-month journey to study Japanese language and nursing care in India. We are also delighted to celebrate the opening of the Nursing Care Lab. SOMPO Care is the No. 1 nursing care operator in Japan, focusing on establishing an education system through our in-house training centers. Experienced trainers from SOMPO Care will be dispatched here to share the nursing care skills and knowledge we have developed over 20 years. You have passed a severe selection process and have gathered here with a strong determination to pursue this path. We are fully committed to supporting your efforts as you prepare for a future in Japan's nursing care sector.”*

By working together, NSDC International and Sompso Care aim to establish a sustainable training model for quality caregivers in India and enabling international opportunities for them in Japan.

### **About NSDC and NSDC International**

Giving boost to Indian Government Skill India Mission, NSDC, a nodal skill development agency, working under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, is a unique Public Private Partnership (PPP) that aims to catalyze the creation of a large and quality vocational training ecosystem in India. Since inception, NSDC has trained over three crore people in different sectors through its collaboration with training partners pan India. NSDC has established 37 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and implements the Government's flagship skill development schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), among others. NSDC also funds enterprises, companies and organizations that provide skill training. The organization enables private-sector capacity building in skill development by offering concessional loans, other innovative financial products, and strategic partnerships.

NSDC International is a 100% subsidiary company of NSDC that is enabling the Skill India International objectives to make India a global source for quality talent, provide global job opportunities for resident Indians, provide global career mobility for overseas Indians, and create an internationally benchmarked quality skills ecosystem. NSDC International aims to position India as the preferred hub for supply of skilled workforce across the globe. NSDC International plays a pivotal role in creating enabling systems and steering national and international partnerships for overseas employment through specific programs, mapped to global job requirements and benchmarked to international standards. In addition, it also aims to leverage NSDC's existing knowledge base and experiential learning to provide technical services for skill development.

### **About Sompo Care**

Sompo Care is Japan's largest comprehensive brand of nursing care, capable of providing a wide variety of nursing care services with the goal of Respects for Human Dignity and to contributes to the realization of "Japan, a country with a long and prosperous life that the world can be proud of". The company focuses on varied range of care services including elderly care services from home to facility care. SOMPO Care is a subsidiary of Sompo Holdings, one of Japan's largest insurance groups, with a history of over 130 years. In 2007, Sompo group expanded into the Indian market through Universal Sompo General Insurance Company, a joint venture with Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Karnataka Bank, Dabur Investment Corp.