
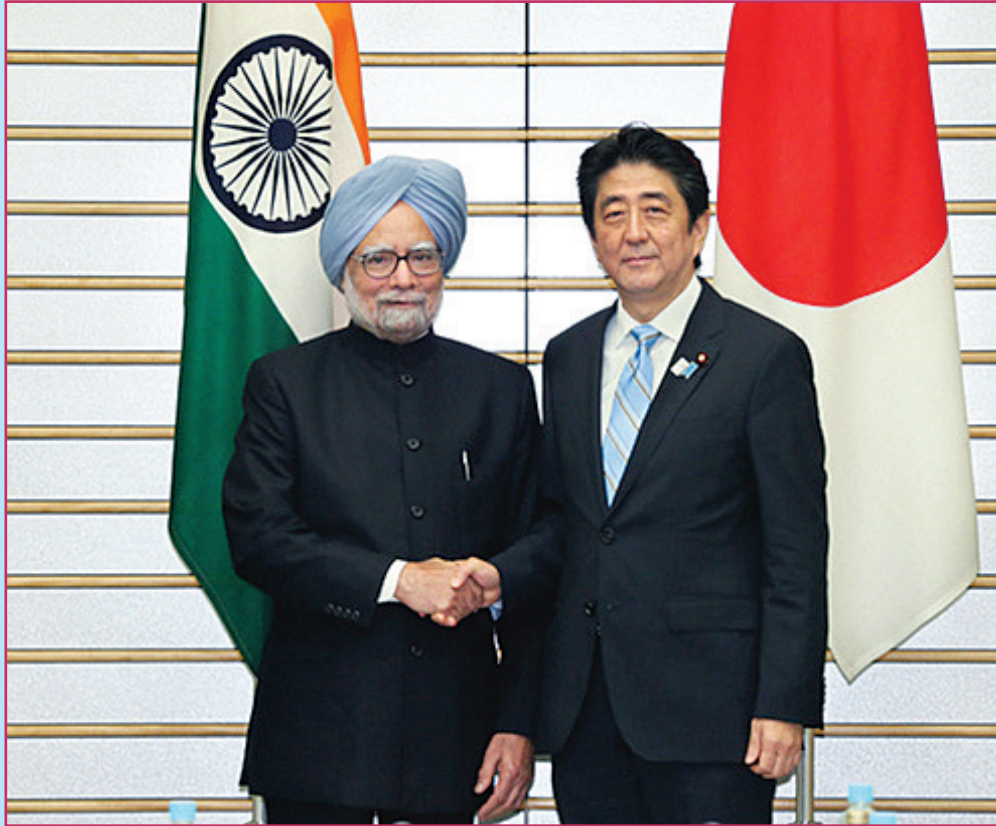


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Prime Minister Singh and Prime Minister Abe at their summit meeting in Tokyo on 29 May 2013.

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VISIT TO JAPAN BY DR. MANMOHAN SINGH, PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, AND MRS. GURSHARAN KAUR

I. Itinerary Overview

Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, and Mrs. Gursharan Kaur paid an official working visit to Japan from May 27 to 30.

Prime Minister Singh and Mrs. Kaur were received in audience by Their Majesties Emperor and Empress in the morning of May 29. In the evening of May 29, the summit meeting between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Prime Minister Singh was held followed by signing of a joint statement titled, “Strengthening the Strategic and Global Partnership between Japan and India beyond the 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations” by the two Prime Ministers. In the presence of the two Prime Ministers, Japanese Ambassador to India Takeshi Yagi and Indian Ambassador to Japan Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa signed the Exchange of Notes for yen loan totaling 71 billion yen for the “Mumbai Metro Line-III project”. Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister Singh also received a report on the 5th Japan-India Business Leaders Forum (BLF), which had been held in the morning, from the co-chairpersons, namely Chairman Hiromasa Yonekura of the Japan Business Federation (Keidanren) and Chairman Baba Kalyani of Bharat Forge Ltd. After the summit meeting, Prime Minister Abe and Mrs. Abe hosted a dinner for Prime Minister Singh and Mrs. Kaur, inviting some 80 political and business leaders as well as intellectuals of both countries.

During the stay, Prime Minister Singh received courtesy calls respectively from Minister of Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Toshimitsu Motegi on May 29, Chief Representative Natsuo Yamaguchi of the New Komeito on May 28, and President Banri Kaieda of the Democratic Party of Japan on May 29.



Prime Minister Singh and Prime Minister Abe exchanging statements at the Joint Statement signing ceremony

(Photos and text courtesy: Cabinet Public Relations Office, Japan)

II. Summit Meeting (Overview)

1. Opening

Prime Minister Abe stated that Japan-India relationship had been deepening and expanding based on the “Strategic and Global Partnership” agreed by Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister Singh in 2006, and expressed his intention to its further enhancement. Prime Minister Singh welcomed the development of bilateral relations and stated that he would make efforts to further deepen the relationship without being satisfied with status quo.

2. Bilateral Relations

The two Prime Ministers confirmed that Japan and India would make the necessary preparations and coordination for a visit to India by Their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress from the end of November to early December.

In the political and security fields, the two Prime Ministers decided to further improve joint maritime exercises between the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the Indian Navy as well as to establish a

Joint Working Group on the US-2 amphibian aircraft.

On civil nuclear cooperation, the two Prime Ministers confirmed that the two countries would accelerate negotiations for the early conclusion of a bilateral agreement for co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Prime Minister Abe expressed that Japan had decided to provide 17.7 billion yen for the Campus Development Project to Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (Phase 2).

The two Prime Ministers confirmed to cooperate in the areas of large-scale infrastructure and energy projects including the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and high speed railway system in India. In particular, the two Prime Ministers decided to conduct a joint feasibility study of High Speed Railway system with the Mumbai-Ahmedabad route in mind.

Prime Minister Abe expressed his intention to encourage the expansion of Japanese investment in India including through business matching activities. Prime Minister Abe also expressed hope for further easing of regulations by India in the financial, tax and investment fields.

The two Prime Ministers decided to cooperate in such new fields as space.

3. Regional and Global Issues

Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister Singh exchanged views on the regional situation in Asia and confirmed continued bilateral cooperation on global issues such as reform of the United Nations Security Council, disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation.

III. Courtesy Call by Foreign Minister Kishida (Overview)

Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister of Foreign Affairs, expressed satisfaction with the steady development of the “Strategic and Global Partnership” between Japan and India, noting that the Abe administration attaches importance on the strengthening of the bilateral relationship. Noting that there have been preparations and coordination to realize a visit to



The Japan-India Summit Meeting in progress

(Photos and text courtesy: Cabinet Public Relations Office, Japan)

India by Their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress, Minister Kishida stated that this year would become a historical year for both Japan and India. Minister Kishida also stated that as Minister in charge of Japan’s diplomacy, he personally would make every effort to the deepening and expansion of the bilateral relations.

Prime Minister Singh responded that he looked forward to further deepening and expanding “India-Japan Strategic and Global Partnership”, adding that Indians have a deep respect for Japan and the Japanese people, and they hope for a close partnership with Japan. Prime Minister Singh also expressed hope that investment in India by Japanese business entities, particularly infrastructure and manufacturing companies, would further expand under the Japan-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement that took effect in 2011. Prime Minister Singh further expressed hope for expanded cooperation between the two countries not only in the economic area but also political and security areas. Prime Minister Singh heartily welcomed the visit to India by Their Majesties, noting that he would make all-out efforts for a successful visit. Prime Minister Singh stated that he had dedicated himself to the development of Japan-India relations for the past nine years as prime minister of India and would continue to do so.

IV. Assessment

Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister Singh reaffirmed the development of the “Japan-India Strategic and Global Partnership” which was estab-

lished by them in 2006. The two Prime Ministers decided to make preparations and coordination to realize a visit to India by Their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress from the end of November to early December.

Prime Minister Singh's visit to Japan, his fifth as prime minister, served as an opportunity for the two countries to confirm their commitment to strengthening political and security cooperation further and produced many concrete outcomes in the economic field, including the DMIC, a high-speed railway system in India, and yen loans for Mumbai Metro. The two Prime Ministers also decided to accelerate negotiations for the early conclusion of a bilateral agreement for cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The two Prime Ministers had fruitful exchanges of views on a wide range of fields,

including regional and global issues, befitting their position as strategic and global partners.

India is strategically an important country for Japan, sharing such basic values as freedom, democracy, fundamental human rights and the rule of law, and positioned on sea lanes between the Middle East and East Asia. The latest visit to Japan by Prime Minister Singh is a step toward a new phase in the relationship between Japan and India, which marked the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations in 2012.

See also the following official websites :

http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/96_abe/actions/201305/29india_e.html

http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/page6e_000071.html

MR. TARO ASO, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FINANCE MINISTER OF JAPAN VISITS INDIA

In early May, Mr. Taro Aso, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and Minister of State for financial services, traveled to India to reinforce the Japan-India Global Strategic Partnership. On May 3rd and 4th, Deputy Prime Minister Aso was in New Delhi where he held meetings with Prime Minister Singh and Finance Minister Chidambaram, and delivered a speech on his vision for a strategic partnership between India and Japan at an interactive meeting with Indian people. In addition, Deputy Prime Minister Aso attended the Annual Meeting of the Asian Development Bank's Board of Governors and meetings with ASEAN countries.

Courtesy Call on Prime Minister Singh

On Saturday, May 4, Deputy Prime Minister Aso, who is visiting Greater Noida to attend the Annual Meeting of the ADB, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Singh. The courtesy call was also attended by Finance Minister Chidambaram and Secretary Mayaram, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. Prime Minister Singh and Deputy Prime Minister Aso discussed a broad range of regional and bilateral issues, including economic cooperation and situations in East Asia. The meeting went a half hour or more beyond the schedule.



Deputy Prime Minister Aso shakes hands with Finance Minister Chidambaram at the beginning of their meeting in the Indian Expo Mart, May 4, 2013.

(Official Photo by Ministry of Finance Japan)

Overall, it was a very positive and highly substantive meeting that emphasized the importance of further strengthening the Japan-India Global Strategic Partnership, which the two leaders emphasized is bound by common philosophy, religious views, interests and values, so that India and Japan can continue to be effective in seeking the growth of the two countries and maintaining peace and stability in the region.

Much of the discussion between Prime Minister Singh and Deputy Prime Minister Aso focused on cooperation to promote economic prosperity. Deputy

Prime Minister Aso said, “I’ve returned to Delhi because we are natural-born partners and Japan is deeply committed to our strategic relations with India. Now, the number of Japanese companies expanding into India was about to reach 1,000. India is a land of promises for Japan and its industries. For the Japanese, it will be a tremendous honour if they could grow by working together with the Indians.”

At the outset, Prime Minister Singh stated that he looked forward to visiting Japan and meeting with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Regarding the state visit of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan, Prime Minister Singh stated that he most heartily looked forward to welcoming Their Majesties to India.

On the bilateral side, Prime Minister Singh stated that various dialogues and cooperative mechanisms between the two countries were functioning, and cooperation in a wide range of fields such as politics, security, and economic cooperation was deepening, based on the Japan-India Global Strategic Partnership. Noting that the Delhi Metro is a symbolic project for both countries, Deputy Prime Minister Aso stated that he looked forward to continuing to cooperate on the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) and industrial corridors.

Deputy Prime Minister Aso requested further relaxation of regulations, including the relaxation of financial regulations, under the leadership of Prime Minister Singh in order to encourage further investment from Japan. Deputy Prime Minister Aso stated that this would lead to the enhanced advancement of cooperative projects in India.

Prime Minister Singh stated that he intends to continue to develop the economic relationship with Japan and that in doing so, expressed hope to further promote and diversify cooperation in the private sector and see economic relations of an even more complementary nature.

In terms of specific areas, both sides shared the view that cooperation would be continued in such fields as high-speed rail way system, rare earths, civil nuclear cooperation, and academic cooperation.

In addition, the two shared the view that security in the Indian Ocean was an important issue for both countries, and that cooperation would be continued in this regard.

Also, the two exchanged views on situations in East Asia and on other international issues, and upon Prime Minister Singh’s inquiry, Deputy Prime Minister Aso explained about the economic policy of the Abe administration.

“WE ARE ALREADY ALLIES”: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ASO SPEAKS AT FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

On Saturday May 4, Deputy Prime Minister Aso attended an interactive meeting on ‘Japan’s revival and the Japan-India Global Strategic Partnership’ organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at the Leela Palace in New Delhi.

Speaking with Indian people, the Deputy Prime Minister addressed the issues of industrial ties and strategic relations before taking questions:



(Official Photo by Ministry of Finance Japan)

Your navy is an ascending navy. It is feeling more and more responsible for the IOR, or the Indian Ocean Region and beyond into the Pacific. Our navy is what I feel proud of. And it is feeling more and more responsible for the IOR as well, because since 2001, some of our naval ships are always in operation, somewhere in the IOR. And the IOR's value needs no exaggeration. It is the area where 80% of world energy passes.

The biggest difference, perhaps, is that you speak English and we normally don't, and when we do, we do it poorly like me. But even that makes us good partners to one another. When working together, your verbal talent should serve us well. What does all that tell us? It tells us just one thing. We are natural-born partners, bound by common philosophy, religious views, interests and values. That's why I spoke of Arc of Freedom and Prosperity as Foreign Minister. In the arc, India stood out as among the highest summits.

There are two kinds of allies. Allies as in treaty allies, and allies in the sense we think the same way on so many things. India and Japan are not treaty allies. We will unlikely be. But we are already heart-to-heart, philosophy binding, value-driven allies.

India, ladies and gentlemen, should play a key role for our growth policies. India is a land of promises for Japan and its industries. I cannot forget what I saw as Foreign Minister, in your Delhi Metro project. I am of a view that an idea that to work hard is to live better can transcend national boundaries. The true significance of our joint projects, such as Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor, or our possible future collaboration on electric power technologies, including nuclear, is there. For the Japanese, it will be a tremendous honour

if they could grow by working together with the Indians. That is at the core of Abe's message when he says openness should invite more growth. Ladies and gentlemen, we are very much delighted to be part of your industrialization.

Alliance, in the Indian context, drops some jaws, and I am aware of that. We will not call you our ally in the sense we call America. But almost, you are. And already, you are our heart-to-heart, philosophy bound, and common value driven ally. Both of us know that the international order functions only when based upon established rules and laws. What happens in the Western Pacific should affect your interests. What happens in the IOR should affect the interests of my country. For Japan, few other countries are like India. With India, of course we already have an EPA. But because we are close partners sharing the same values and perspectives, we now have Two plus Two meetings between our Secretaries from defense and foreign ministries. I was most delighted to see that for the first time we did a bilateral navy to navy exercise last year in Japan. We should do it more on a regular basis. To fight against piracy, to fight against natural disasters, and to be a stabilizing force across the wide confluence of the two seas, our joint maritime capacities should go only upwards.

To conclude, let me invite you again to see why we are doing what we are doing in Abenomics. It is because we believe a shrinking Japan could do harm to everyone, and only a growing Japan could do good to the nation, to the region and to the world. I should end by repeating what Prime Minister Abe said in his parliamentary address in Delhi. A strong India is in the best interest of Japan, and a strong Japan is in the best interest of India.

The whole transcript of the Deputy Prime Minister's speech is available here.
http://www.mof.go.jp/english/public_relations/statement/others/20130504.htm

VISIT TO INDIA BY CHIEF OF STAFF - JAPAN GROUND SELF-DEFENSE FORCE



General E. Kimizuka at the Amar Jawan Jyoti

General Eiji KIMIZUKA, Chief of Staff, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) visited India from 5 to 8 May 2013. His visit came three months after General Bikram Singh, Chief of the Army Staff, Indian Army, visited Japan.

General Kimizuka commenced his visit by paying homage to the martyred soldiers by laying a wreath at the Amar Jawan Jyoti. During his stay, the JGSDF chief had a fruitful and close interaction with his Indian counterpart. He also paid a courtesy call on Defence Minister A.K. Antony and Admiral D.K. Joshi, Chief of the Naval Staff. Before concluding the visit, General

Kimizuka visited the Eastern Command, Indian Army, in Kolkata.

It is noteworthy that, within a span of six months, three chiefs of Staff of the Japanese Self-Defense Force have paid official visits to India. (Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano, Chief of Staff - Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), visited in February 2013 and General Haruhiko Kataoka, Chief of Staff - Japan Air-Self Defense Force, visited in November 2012). These high level visits are a standing testimony to the ever-growing defence cooperation between the two countries.



General E. Kimizuka paying a courtesy call on Mr. A.K. Antony, Defence Minister



General E. Kimizuka's call on General Bikram Singh, Chief of Army Staff

ADDRESS BY AMBASSADOR TAKESHI YAGI AT THE NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE

On 25 April 2013, H.E. M. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan to India, addressed the faculty and students of the National Defence College (NDC), New Delhi. The address was part of the study on **International Security Environment** offered to the students at the NDC. The session was attended by 100 student officers including 25 foreign student officers. 30



H.E. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan, making his address at the National Defence College, New Delhi

faculty members including the Commandant of NDC also attended the session. Speaking on the “**Japanese Perspective of the Emerging International Security Environment**”, Ambassador Yagi elaborated on four major contemporary themes: (a) **Security Environment Surrounding Japan**, (b) **Prime Minister Abe’s Policy**, (c) **Japan’s Security Policy** and (d) **Japan-India Strategic and Global Partnership**.

Ambassador Yagi highlighted the **geo-strategic significance** of Japan for the Western Pacific and the Eurasian Continent. He spoke at length about the two major variables in Japan’s security environment - North Korea and China. By enumerating the major issues posed by North Korea, such as its missile development programme, nuclear tests, and abduction of Japanese citizens, Ambassador Yagi explained that the situation continues to remain unclear since the establishment of the new regime in North Korea. Pointing to the Chinese military expansion, Ambassador Yagi elucidated the Chinese military strategies and activities, with special reference to recent incidents in the East China Sea and the South China Sea.

Explaining the **foreign policy** of the government led by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Ambassador Yagi pointed out that, strengthening the Japan-US Alliance, deepening cooperative relations with neighbouring countries, and strengthening economic diplomacy have been identified as the three pillars. He explained the salient features of Prime Minister Abe’s **economic**

policy, popularly known as ‘Abenomics’, by discussing at length the three principal “arrows” or “prongs”, namely, bold monetary policy, flexible fiscal policy and a growth strategy to encourage private-sector investment.

Ambassador Yagi endeavoured to familiarise the audience with the various aspects of **Japan’s security policy**, and elaborated on the

basic policy of Japan’s national defense, including the National Defense Programme Guidelines (NDPG). He also spoke on various other pertinent issues such as the defense budget, the Japan-US security treaty, and the Revision of Guidelines for Overseas Transfer of Defense Equipment approved by the Cabinet on 17 December 2011.

The last segment of the speech focused on the **Japan-India strategic and global partnership**. Ambassador Yagi tracked the various aspects of this growing relationship, including economic relations and cooperation in the security and defence area. Speaking on economic relations, he mentioned that there has been a steady growth in the presence of Japanese companies in India with an annual average addition of 100 companies. India is the largest partner of Japanese ODA. He also quoted a survey on “Overseas Business Operations of Japanese Manufacturers”, in which India has been rated as the country with the greatest potential for business expansion in the long term. Ambassador Yagi cited the importance of frequent high-level visits between the two countries, both at the Ministerial as well as Services level, which have cemented their cooperation in the security and defence area. He also mentioned the role of bilateral exercises, Subject Matter Exchange, and Staff talks and visits in strengthening the relationship.

Ambassador Yagi ended his speech by expressing hope for a more vibrant Japan-India relationship in the future.

PRESENTATION ON JAPAN AT NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE, NEW DELHI



Commandant of the National Defence College, Vice Admiral Sunil Lamba (left), with Captain Takashi Natsui



Japanese food and Sake (rice wine) served at the reception

Captain Takashi Natsui from the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, who is currently a student at the National Defence College (NDC) in New Delhi, gave a country presentation on Japan, on May 3rd, 2013, at the NDC. It was a half-hour presentation in which Captain Natsui introduced various aspects of Japan, including Japanese economy, geography, defence, history, and Japan-India bilateral relationship, with the help of several beautiful and informative slides.

Captain Natsui also showcased many cultural facets of Japan through Japanese cultural items, in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi. The items displayed included *Kabuto*, the traditional Japanese helmet, miniature of *Kinkakuji*, the Golden Pavilion Temple in Kyoto, *Itsukushima*

Jinja (Itsukushima Shrine), a Shinto shrine on the island of Itsukushima, popularly known as Miyajima in Hiroshima Prefecture, life-like replicas of Japanese cuisine, like sushi, tempura, soba and bentou box, etc. It was virtually a mini Japan.

The presentation was very well-received and appreciated by everyone in the audience, comprising of 150 people including Vice Admiral Sunil Lamba, Commandant of NDC, faculty members, senior Indian military and civilian officers, foreign officers studying at NDC, and their spouses. The presentation was followed by a reception at the venue hosted by Captain Natsui.

The event served a major role in promoting Japanese culture, and contributed significantly to strengthening ties between Japan and India.



Some of the exhibits on display



Life-like replicas of Japanese food

THE FOURTH CLEAN ENERGY MINISTERIAL (CEM4) HELD IN DELHI

On April 16, 2013, Mr. Isshu Sugawara, State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, visited India to attend the fourth meeting of the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM4) held in Delhi, India, on April 17 and 18, and took advantage of the meeting to exchange views with key ministers of member nations and India.

The Fourth Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM4) was co-chaired by Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India, and Dr. Steven Chu, U.S. Secretary of Energy. Ministerial-level officials as representatives from 23 countries attended the meeting and exchanged views under the themes on the summarized progress in their previous cooperation initiatives for the dissemination of clean energy and the future approach for the development of such initiatives.

State Minister Sugawara attended the meeting as a representative of Japan, and expressed Japan's direction that it will accelerate the dissemination of renewable energy and promotion of energy conservation to the maximum extent possible for the coming three years. In addition, he demonstrated Japan's outstanding policy and technologies, such as the Feed-In Tariff Scheme, Large-Scale



Group photo of the Fourth Clean Energy Ministerial, Delhi

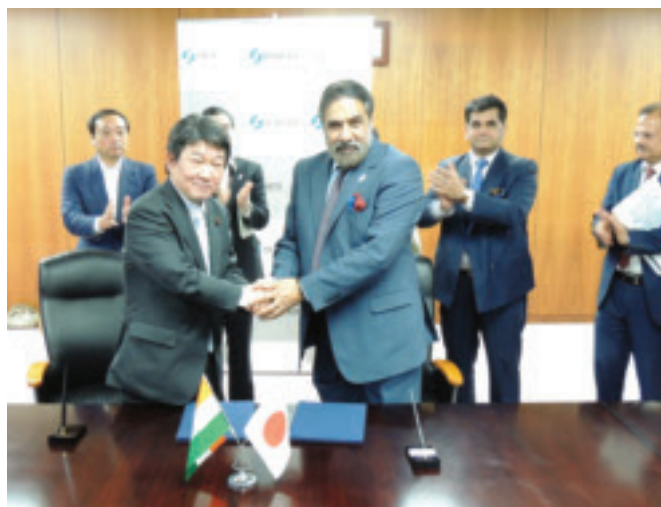
Storage Batteries, the Top Runner Program, and Smart Community, while conveying Japan's future contribution to the global enhancement of energy efficiency through expanding the diffusion of Japan's knowledge and technology in such areas.

On the occasion of the meeting, State Minister Sugawara met with the ministers of member nations, including Deputy Chairman Ahluwalia, and exchanged opinions on cooperation in the energy field and other issues.

MR. ANAND SHARMA, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TEXTILES OF INDIA, VISITS JAPAN

On May 17, 2013, Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister, and Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs, received a courtesy call from Mr. Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Textiles of India, who visited Japan to promote Japanese investment in India.

They expressed satisfaction at the steady growth of the



Signing ceremony for joint statement, Tokyo

Strategic and Global Partnership between Japan and India, and welcomed economic and trade relations which have developed smoothly since the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

Minister Sharma noted the need to further consolidate and strengthen the economic partnership between Japan and India through the progress made in projects such as Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC).

On the same day, Mr. Toshimitsu Motegi, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, had a meeting with Mr. Anand Sharma. At the meeting, concerning DMIC and Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC), both sides agreed to strengthen their efforts to advance the two projects more specifically in the future, while recognizing the progress made in the previous work in the projects.

Furthermore, both ministers also agreed that both sides will support new initiatives designed for strengthening their business partnership and improving their business environments in order to promote Japan-India investment in partnership with state governments.

Following the meeting, both ministers signed a joint statement based on these agreements.

CHENNAI

AMBASSADOR YAGI VISITS CHENNAI



On 5th April 2013, Ambassador Yagi called on H.E. Ms. J. Jayalalithaa, Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. (Source: Press Release by the Government of Tamil Nadu)

The Ambassador of Japan to India, H.E. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, made his first visit to Chennai from 4 to 6 April 2013. During his visit, he paid a courtesy call upon H.E. Ms. J. Jayalalithaa, Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, in her office.

Ambassador Yagi visited the manufacturing facilities of some Japanese companies operating in Chennai, such as Renault-Nissan Automotive India Pvt. Ltd. and Komatsu India Pvt. Ltd. at Oragadam, and Toshiba-JSW in Manali, besides visiting the Kattupalli Port.

JAPAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

A three-day Japan Cultural Festival was organized in the ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamil Nadu Centre, Chennai, from 22-24 March 2013, by the Consulate-General of Japan at Chennai, in association with the ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamil Nadu Centre. The festival featured an exhibition of Japanese Dolls, Diorama, Ikebana, Origami, Nendo-no-Tetsukuri and Bonsai. Along with the exhibition, Japanese and Indian experts demonstrated their skills on Nendo-no-



Karate Demonstration

(Source: ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamil Nadu Centre)



Japanese Dolls Exhibition

(Source: ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamil Nadu Centre)

Tetsukuri, Origami, Judo, Karate, Kobudo (martial arts) and Bonsai. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul-General of Japan at Chennai, inaugurated the festival.

The Japan Cultural Festival received a good response from various sections of people, especially school students. Each day, about 600 visitors saw the exhibitions and around 100 visitors, including school students, enthusiastically watched each and every demonstration.

COOL JAPAN FESTIVAL 2013 HELD IN MUMBAI

The 'Cool Japan Festival 2013' was held from 15th March to 17th March 2013 at the Courtyard of the High Street Phoenix, the largest premier shop-



Kagami-biraki, the ceremonial opening of sake (Japanese wine) barrel

ping mall in Mumbai. The concept of this festival was to showcase Japanese culture, products and food to the people of Mumbai and acquaint them with the various aspects of modern Japan.

The first 'Cool Japan Festival' was initiated last year by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan to celebrate '2012: 60th Anniversary of Japan-India Diplomatic Relationship', which welcomed around 60,000 people.

This year, the 'Cool Japan Festival 2013' was organized jointly by La Ditta Limited and Maido Enterprises, with the support of the Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai.

The 'Cool Japan Festival 2013' had booths of 15 Japanese companies exhibiting their products with spot sales. On a special stage set up at the venue, cultural performances of taiko (Japanese traditional drums), cosplay (costume play) show, dance and enka (Japanese popular

ballad) medleys by an Indian enka singer, were presented. Visitors also got a chance to relish authentic Japanese cuisine such as tempura, okonomiyaki (savory Japanese pancake), yakitori, curry and rice, etc., which were served at a nominal price of only Rs.100/- for each dish at the Washoku booths where the major attraction was 'Kaiten-Sushi' (sushi served on a conveyor belt).

Surpassing last year's number, the 'Cool Japan Festival 2013' received an overwhelming response with over 100,000 visitors getting a taste of Japan.

At the VIP Reception held in the evening of 15th March, Mr. Masaharu Shimizu, Acting Consul-General, Consulate

General of Japan in Mumbai, delivered a congratulatory speech wherein he expressed his appreciation to the hosts and organizers of 'Cool Japan Festival 2013' and extended his good wishes for the success of the Festival and its contribution towards promotion of the bilateral friendship between Japan and India.



Cosplay (Costume Play) show



Visitors enjoying the Taiko (Japanese traditional drum) performance

KOLKATA

CELEBRATING THE JOY OF “KODOMONO HI”



Children Coming to the Film Festival - 5th May 2013



The Convocation Ceremony with Ms. Saoli Mitra, President, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi (left) - 5th May 2013

(Photos courtesy: Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi)

With the onset of spring, Japan turns into a princess of flowers. The Sakura in its first bloom welcomes the people of Japan to join the celebration of the “Golden week”. Where there is joy and lots of flowers all around, can children be far behind? So Kolkata celebrated the “Golden Week” and the joyous occasion of “Kodomo no Hi” by dedicating this happy occasion to the children of Kolkata through a Children’s Film Festival featuring various films for children, such as, “Wanko”, “Quartet”, “Haru Tono Tabi”, “Eclair”, etc. A documentary on the path of recovery after the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 2011, titled “Setting Sail from Ruins”, was also screened to showcase the determined efforts of the people of Japan to overcome all hurdles and rebuild their lives after the unprecedented natural disaster.

The festival was organised from 5th~7th May 2013 by the Indo-Japan Cultural Centre, under the aegis of “Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi”, the cultural wing of the Department of Information & Cultural Affairs, Government of West Bengal, supported by the Consulate General of Japan, Kolkata. The films were screened at Rabindra-Okakura Bhawan in Salt Lake at Kolkata. The festival was inaugurated by Ms. Saoli Mitra, President, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi, in the august presence of Ms. Maiko Morita, Vice Consul of the Cultural Section at Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata.

Such special occasions not only introduce Japan in a unique way to the future citizens of India, but also consolidate the foundation of the time-tested heritage of friendship and goodwill between Japan and India.

BANGALORE

HIKARI (A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION)



The scene of the opening reception

HIKARI, a contemporary Japanese photography exhibition, was held from the 20th of April to the 20th of May, 2013, at the British Library in Bangalore.

Prof. Tokihiro Sato and Ms. Shiho Kito, whose photographs were on display, held interactive sessions with the people present, about the photographs and their themes.

The event was organized by the Japan Foundation.

JAZZ CONCERT



The band played some great Japanese folk songs and jazz numbers.

BFLAT at Indiranagar, Bangalore, hosted a Jazz concert on 10th May 2013. Around 200 people enjoyed the music played by the band ‘RALYZZDIG’, with Shinichiro Tokuda on the saxophone, Naota Suzuki on the guitar, Kazuhiro Tamura on the piano, Kumpei Nakabayashi playing the bass, and Gaku Hasegawa on the drums.

The concert was supported by The Japan Foundation.

EXPLORING JAPAN : MOUNTAINS, SEASHORES AND SEASONS

This is the first in the new series “Exploring Japan” to present to our readers attractive images of the country. We hope you enjoy the diverse nature of Japan!

To see more pictures or find information about traveling in Japan, visit the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) website <http://www.jnto.go.jp/>



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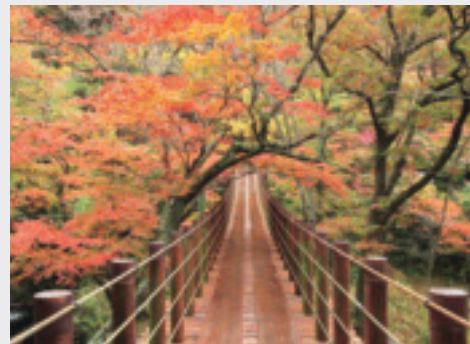
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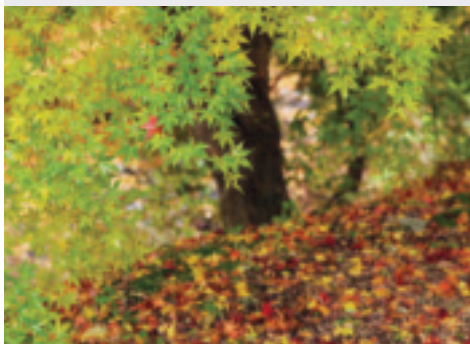
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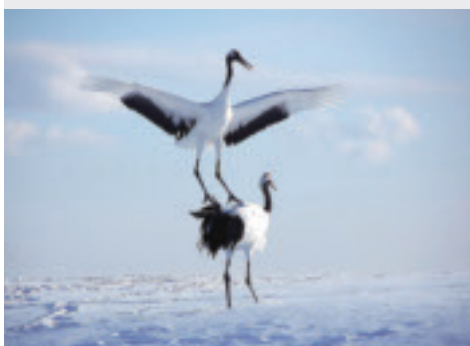
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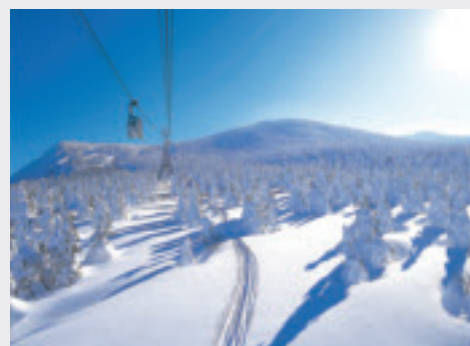
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JAPAN FOUNDATION NEW DELHI PROMOTES JAPAN-INDIA CULTURAL EXCHANGE

BY : THE JAPAN FOUNDATION, NEW DELHI

The Japan Foundation is Japan's public institution dedicated to sharing Japanese culture and language with people throughout the world. By presenting diverse aspects of Japanese culture, we create platforms of communication and understanding between the peoples of the world and Japan. We develop programs in three different fields - arts and cultural exchange, Japanese-language education overseas, and Japanese studies and intellectual exchange, identify the needs of individuals engaged in various cultural fields, and create opportunities and supports programs and events, fostering sustained environments for cultural exchange.

The Japan Foundation, New Delhi was officially established in January, 1994. The facilities include an auditorium, a gallery, class room and library. We hold various cultural events, exhibitions, lectures related to Japanese studies, support Japanese-Language education in India, and also conduct Japanese Language and Cultural course at our centre. Many people who are interested in Japan and are learning Japanese-Language come to our centre and enjoy these cultural activities.

<Coming Programs>

1. India Japan Dialogue Lecture Series:

Japan Foundation, New Delhi, has launched the lecture series since August 2012 to promote and encourage more lively intellectual exchanges between India and Japan. In this lecture series, we pick up various topics each time. Below, let us share with you the topics of the lectures from August till October.

- Umeko TSUDA and Japanese Feminism Movement on August
- Japanese Art and Asian Art
- Security in Present East Asian Region

2. Regular Japanese Film Screening

Each month has different theme and we select 2 film based on the theme and screen at our auditorium. We have also launched "Japan Foundation Cinema Club". Please check our facebook page "Japan Foundation Cinema Club" and get more information there.

3. JF Kouza

We have our own Japanese-language courses being conducted throughout the year. The unique feature of the program is combining Japanese language study and having an experience of Japanese culture. For further information, please check our website.



Japanese Film "The Chef of South Polar" screened at the Japan Foundation, New Delhi, on 18th and 20th April 2013

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Japanese Animation Film "Summer Days with Coo" screened at the Japan Foundation, New Delhi, on 11th and 16th May 2013

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STUDY IN JAPAN

BY : THE GLOBAL 30 OFFICES IN INDIA

In 2009, The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan launched the “Global 30” Project with the aim of internationalization of higher education in Japan and inviting a lot of international students to Japan. Thirteen universities,

including The University of Tokyo and Ritsumeikan University, were selected as the core universities of the Project. Ritsumeikan University and The University of Tokyo established offices in New Delhi in 2010 and in Bangalore in 2012 respectively.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO INDIA OFFICE (BANGALORE)

(Promoting higher education in Japan)

Since its establishment in February 2012, The University of Tokyo India Office has been organizing students outreach activities, establishing exchange agreements and research partnerships with Indian institutions, conducting study tours of Japanese universities for Indian educators, and building Government-Industry-Academia trilateral partnerships.

(Outreach Activities)

The Japan Education Fair 2012 in Bangalore had a good turnout of more than 350 students, parents and other visitors. In addition to counseling services provided by each university’s representatives, there was an interactive panel discussion with Indian students currently studying in Japan, presentations on the cutting edge research at Japanese universities by the Chief Guest, Dr. VijayRaghavan, F.R.S., Director, National Centre for Biological Sciences and Prof. Hiroshi Esaki, Graduate School of Information Science

and Technology, The University of Tokyo. RIKEN, Japan’s premier research organization in science was also represented at the fair.

On a smaller scale, educational seminars and presentations on educational opportunities in Japan were organized at IIT Madras, and the National Institute of Oceanography.



G30 Indo-Japan Networking Symposium and Reception hosted by The University of Tokyo.

(Educational Delegations)

Six eminent Indian high school principals visited Japan in February 2013 for a tour of The University of Tokyo, Kyoto University and Ritsumeikan University. The week-long visit was a part of Global 30 activities, sponsored by the Japanese Government. At each university, the delegation met with faculty members teaching the international courses, visited research labs and were guided around the campus facilities. The University of Tokyo organized the G30 Indo-Japan Networking Symposium and Reception in honor of the delegation. The educators also visited the Central Japan Railway’s control room for the bullet trains in Tokyo Station before boarding the bullet train to Kyoto. The delegates also visited the historic sites of Kyoto and Nara.

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Prof. Jonathan Woodward and Associate Prof. Di Su talking to people at The University of Tokyo booth

RITSUMEIKAN INDIA OFFICE (NEW DELHI)

(Main Activities)

Since it opened in New Delhi in November 2010, Ritsumeikan India Office has been striving to promote Japanese Universities' new initiatives under Global 30 Project, i.e. introducing degree courses in English medium, generous scholarships, close care of foreign students and excellent Japanese language lessons, etc. Besides responding to queries related to higher education and universities in Japan by phones and e-mails, Ritsumeikan India Office organises Japan Education Fair together with other Japanese universities, conduct educational seminars and symposiums at different schools or at the office. The office facilities are also shared with other



Video Interview for Entrance Examination conducted by a Japanese University at G30 Office in Delhi. No need to go to Japan.

Japanese universities for conducting orientations and entrance examinations. Ritsumeikan India Office participates in cultural exchange events, promotes academic collaborations with schools and universities in India, and pursues cooperation with Japanese organizations and corporations as well. Support is provided to Indian students who go to Japan for short-term programmes

and international forums organized by schools and universities in Japan. Japanese students who visit India for studying, short-term research tours, and internship programmes, are assisted too.

(Increasing Interest)

Some encouraging changes seen through the activities over the last two years are the number of Indian students visiting the Ritsumeikan India office for enquiry has increased, and so has the number of Japanese universities using the office facilities. Some 600 visitors from 56 schools and institutions visited the second Japan Education Fair held in August, 2012, which showed a two-fold increase in the number of visitors and a three-fold increase in the number of institutions they belong to, comparing to the first Fair organized in November, 2011.

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JAPAN EDUCATION FAIR 2013

NEW DELHI : 6TH SEPTEMBER

BANGALORE : 7TH SEPTEMBER

Japan Education Fair 2013 organized by the Global 30 offices are scheduled to be held in **New Delhi** (The Lalit) on **6th September** (Fri) by Ritsumeikan India Office and in **Bangalore** on **7th September** (Sat) by The University of Tokyo India Office. The details of the event will be uploaded on the website of the Embassy of Japan (<http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/index-j.html>).



Japan Education Fair 2012 at New Delhi was visited by students from schools in Mumbai, Pune and Varanasi, etc., as well as Delhi NCR.

INDIAN STUDENTS VISIT JAPAN : FIRST BATCH UNDER THE JENESYS 2.0 PROGRAMME

A group of 19 Indian high school students studying Japanese language, accompanied by 2 supervisors, visited Japan from 19th to 25th May 2013, under the 'The Short-term Invitation Programme for Japanese Language Learners from SAARC Countries'. This is a part of a new youth exchange program called JENESYS 2.0, through which youths from SAARC countries are invited by the Government of Japan.

This was the first batch of students from India visiting Japan under the JENESYS 2.0 Programme.

Participants and their families, most of whom are the capital area residents, were invited for a reunion and reporting session in the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi, on 31 May 2013.

The programme commenced with a short address by Mr. Yasuhisa Kawamura, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Japan, who welcomed back the group after their successful trip to Japan and encouraged them to continue to nurture their association with Japan in the coming years. Mr. Kawamura also noted the excellent bilateral relationship between Japan and India, evident from the regular exchange visits by the top leadership of both countries.

Thereafter, the students made Power-point presentations and spoke about their impressions of Japan gathered during their visit. They were all effusive in their praise of Japanese hospitality and its helpful people, and thanked the Government of Japan for this wonderful opportunity to experience Japan first-hand. They were especially impressed with the unique blend of tradition and modernity that defines the country, with its ancient temples and traditional customs on the one hand, and



A section of students and teachers present at the gathering listening to presentations about their Japan visit

amazing world-class technology and efficient work culture on the other.

Guest speakers on this occasion were: Dr. Neera Kongari of the MOSAI Institute of Japanese Language, Mr. Satoshi Hata, General Manager of the Ritsumeikan India office, and Mr. Yojiro Tanaka, Director of Japanese Language and Japanese Studies at the Japan Foundation New Delhi.

The young students and their families enjoyed meeting with these guests and Embassy staff over refreshments afterwards. It was a very informative interaction for all the participants interested in enhancing their study of Japan and Japanese language.

About JENESYS 2.0 Programme

For more information about JENESYS 2.0, please visit the following website of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/page24e_000001.html



A group photo of the participants with Mr. Kawamura, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Japan (centre)

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS DEPART FOR JAPAN IN APRIL 2013

In April 2013, thirty two Indian students have left for Japan in the first week of the month, under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship 2013. The students are in the categories of Research Students (25 Students), Undergraduate Students (4 students), and Specialized Training College Students (3 students). For the category of College of Technology students, none have qualified for the year 2013.

Research Students category is a 2-year program for doing research. The tenure can be extended according to the term of the regular graduate course, which the student has enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral course, with outstanding academic achievement.

Undergraduate program is a 5-year program for those who wish to study in a Japanese University at undergraduate level, comprising of 1 year of Japanese language training and 4 years of Bachelor degree course.

College of Technology is a 4-year program comprising of 1 year Japanese language training and 3 years of associated degree course. Colleges of Technology conduct practical and professional engineering education.

Specialized Training College is a 3-year program comprising of 1 year of Japanese language training and 2 years of associated certificate course. Specialized Training Colleges are vocational schools that run courses in specialized subjects at the higher education level.

Besides the above mentioned scholarships, the Embassy of Japan also offers three other scholarships, namely, Teacher Training Students, Japanese Studies Students and Young Leaders' Program (English medium, 1 year Master's course).

For more details, please see the Embassy of Japan's website <http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/>

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