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Summit Meeting of the leaders of the G7, in Ise-Shima, Mie Prefecture, Japan

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# G7 Summit

The leaders of the G7 met in Ise-Shima, Mie Prefecture, Japan, on May 26 and 27, 2016, to address major global economic and political challenges, and the G7 Ise-Shima Leaders' Declaration was issued, under the Presidency of Japan. The Declaration mentioned that “Global growth remains moderate and below potential, while risks of weak growth persist. Escalated geo-political conflicts, terrorism and refugee flows complicate the global economic environment. The rise of violent extremism, terrorist attacks and other challenges pose serious threat to the existing rule based international order, as well as to common values and principles for all humanity.”

The G7 Summit is a meeting in which the heads of government from seven countries - Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy and Canada, along with the presidents of the European Council and the European Commission - participate. Japan has chaired five times so far, in 1979, 1986, 1993, 2000 and 2008.

Along with the Meeting, leaders of the G7 visited Ise Jingu on May 26, and they also participated in side events. In this summit, Partners' Program as well as Outreach Sessions were also held.

Details of the event are available at <http://www.japan.go.jp/g7/>

For further information of G7 Ise-Shima Summit, please visit the following links on the of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website:

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/page24e\\_000148.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/page24e_000148.html)

<https://g7.i-imageworks.jp/iw/summitphoto/SimpleMode/User/Main.do>

<http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000160266.pdf>



Summit Meeting



Working Dinner



Family Photo



Family Photo





Outreach Session 1



Family photo with G7 and Outreach Partners



Presidency Press Conference



International Media Center

### Visit to Ise Jingu





## Side Events



Terrorism and Cultural Property



Automated-Driving and Fuel Cell Vehicle presentation

## Partners' Program



Tree Planting Ceremony (Shima Kanko Hotel)



Visit to Ise Jingu

*(All photos: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)*

## Commemorative event for the victims of Kumamoto earthquake

On May 2, a commemorative event was carried out in front of the Embassy of Japan, for expressing condolences to the victims of the Kumamoto earthquake which occurred on April 14 and 16.

This event was organized by Mr. Tarun Vijay, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, and many other eminent Indian people including MPs attended the event.





## G7 Hiroshima Foreign Ministers' Meeting

The 2016 G7 Hiroshima Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held at City of Hiroshima and surrounding area (Hiroshima Prefecture) from Sunday, April 10, to Monday, April 11, participated by Japan (G7 Presidency), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom, United States, and the European Union. At the Meeting, terrorism and violent extremism were discussed as the most obvious challenges, and the refugee crisis that they have created as a result. The Foreign Ministers shared the view that they condemn indiscriminate attacks, brutal behavior, and other atrocities by terrorists, and that the G7 nations should lead the initiatives of the international community to address these issues.

For further information, please visit: [http://www.mofa.go.jp/ms/is\\_s/page24e\\_000138.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/ms/is_s/page24e_000138.html)



*(Photos: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)*

## Japan-India Summit Meeting

Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, who visited Washington D.C. to attend the Nuclear Security Summit, held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, on Friday, April 1. The two leaders exchanged their views on strengthening the bilateral relationship and had a frank discussion aimed at further reinforcement of cooperation in dealing with regional affairs and international issues, in order to steadily keep tracking the outcome of Prime Minister Abe's visit to India in December 2015 that marked the “new era in Japan-India relations,” and to lead to achievement for the visit by Prime Minister Modi to Japan, planned to take place within this year.

For further information, please visit: [http://www.mofa.go.jp/s\\_sa/sw/in/page4e\\_000404.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/s_sa/sw/in/page4e_000404.html)



*(Photos: Cabinet Public Relations Office, Japan)*

## The visit of Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, to Japan

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare of India, Shri J. P. Nadda, visited Tokyo to participate in the meeting of the Ministers from South East Asia and Western Pacific region on Anti-microbial Resistance, on April 16, 2016. On April 16, Japanese Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Yasuhisa Shiozaki, and Minister P. Nadda held a bilateral meeting.



## The visit of Mr. Hiroshi Hase, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, to India

Mr. Hiroshi Hase, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, visited India from May 5 to 6. During the visit, Minister Hase had a bilateral meeting with Mrs. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Human Resource Development, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, and Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports.

Minister Hase also had an interaction with some Indian high school students who recently visited Japan as participants of the "Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science" (SAKURA Exchange Program in Science).



## 1st India-Japan Medical Products Regulation Symposium

Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu attended and delivered an address at the opening session of the "1st India-Japan Medical Products Regulation Symposium" co-organized by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India, on May 18.

For further information and address by H.E. Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India, please visit the Embassy's HP:

[http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Press\\_Releases\\_Embassy/PR\\_India\\_Japan\\_medical\\_products\\_201605.html](http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Press_Releases_Embassy/PR_India_Japan_medical_products_201605.html)





## Visit of Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu to Bengaluru

Ambassador Hiramatsu visited Bengaluru on March 22 and 23, 2016, and paid courtesy calls on H. E. Mr. Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, the Honourable Governor of Karnataka, and H. E. Mr. K. Siddaramaiah, the Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka. Ambassador Hiramatsu also attended the factory opening ceremony of Toshiba Mitsubishi Electric Industrial Systems Corporation (Japanese company for manufacturing large capacity industrial motors), and visited Sony India Software Centre and a Japanese language training course conducted by the company.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Japan-India-Relations/Hiramatsu\\_Bengaluru\\_2016.html](http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Japan-India-Relations/Hiramatsu_Bengaluru_2016.html)



## Ambassador Hiramatsu's visit to Neemrana and Jaipur, Rajasthan

Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu visited Neemrana and Jaipur, Rajasthan, on April 4 and 5, for the purpose of extending support to Japanese companies there and for visiting the universities in Jaipur which have relationships with Japan. On April 4, Ambassador Hiramatsu visited the Neemrana Industrial Zone in the State of Rajasthan and had a discussion with Japanese companies there. On April 5, Ambassador Hiramatsu paid a courtesy call on H.E. Smt. VasundharaRaje, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, and requested support for Japanese companies from the State of Rajasthan. He also visited the Biyani Group of Colleges and the Malaviya National Institute of Technology.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Japan-India-Relations/Hiramatsu\\_Rajasthan\\_2016.html](http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Japan-India-Relations/Hiramatsu_Rajasthan_2016.html)



## Ambassador Hiramatsu's visit to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu visited Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, from April 26 to 28. On April 26, Ambassador Hiramatsu attended the ceremony to mark the 26th anniversary of the Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IJCCI), delivered a lecture at IIT Madras, and paid a courtesy call on H.E. Dr. K Rosaiah, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu. On April 27, Ambassador Hiramatsu attended the factory inauguration ceremony of Isuzu Motors in Sri City, Andhra Pradesh. On April 28, Ambassador Hiramatsu visited Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt. Ltd. in Oragadam, Tamil Nadu, and ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu Centre, Chennai.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/00\\_000019.html](http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/00_000019.html)



## Signing of Exchange of Notes on Japanese ODA Loan of 242.276 Billion JPY

The Exchange of Notes on Japanese ODA Loan totaling JPY 242.276 billion for the projects including the following, approximately INR 14,251 crore, were signed in New Delhi on March 31, 2016, between Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India, and Mr. S. Selvakumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India:

- (1) Jharkhand Horticulture Intensification by Micro Drip Irrigation Project (JPY 4.652 billion, approximately INR 274 crore)
- (2) North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project (Phase 1) (I) (JPY 67.17 billion, approximately INR 3,951 crore)
- (3) Transmission System Strengthening Project in Madhya Pradesh (JPY 15.457 billion, approximately INR 909 crore)
- (4) Dedicated Freight Corridor Project (Phase 1) (III) (JPY 103.664 billion, approximately INR 6,098 crore)
- (5) Odisha Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project (II) (JPY 25.796 billion, approximately INR 1,517 crore)

For further information, please visit: [http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Press\\_Releases\\_Embassy/PR\\_ODA\\_20160331\(r\).pdf](http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Press_Releases_Embassy/PR_ODA_20160331(r).pdf)





## Inaugural Ceremony of the Bengaluru Metro

On April 29, the inaugural ceremony of the Bengaluru Metro was held in Bengaluru, which was attended by Mr. Yutaka Kikuta, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in India, and high level Indian leaders, such as H.E. Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, the Honourable Union Minister of Urban Development, and H.E. Mr. Siddaramaiah, the Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka.

Bengaluru Metro comprises of the East-West line and the South-North Line (full length - 42.3km). The section, which was opened to traffic this time, is the only underground section in Bengaluru Metro, and has connected the East-West line.

Japan has provided the ODA Loan for this project. Japanese companies have played an important role in various fields such as consultant services, tunnel shield machine and the rolling stock propulsion system.



Remarks by Mr. Yutaka Kikuta, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in India, at the inaugural ceremony of the Bengaluru Metro



The Bengaluru Metro, being opened to traffic

## Two New Grassroots Grant Assistance Projects signed in the amount of 16 million Yen

The signing ceremony of the Grant Contracts for two new projects, under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP), was held on March 15, 2016, at the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi. In this ceremony, Grant Contracts for the projects were signed between H.E. Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India, and the representatives of the respective recipient organizations. The two projects which were signed this time are as follows:

1. "The Project for the Provision of Eye Surgical Equipment for Underprivileged Patients in Delhi"
2. "The Project for Construction of a Vocational Training Center for the Poor Women in Kamrup, Assam"

For more information, please visit: [http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Press\\_Releases\\_Embassy/PR\\_ggp\\_2016.pdf](http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Press_Releases_Embassy/PR_ggp_2016.pdf)



## The Project for Expansion of Vocational Training Centre for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Delhi

An inauguration ceremony for “The Project for Expansion of Vocational Training Centre for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Delhi”, assisted by the Government of Japan, under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP), was held on May 9, 2016 at VasantVihar, in New Delhi. Under this project, 2 vocational training classrooms and 1 bakery unit were handed over by the Government of Japan to 'Tamana'. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Mukesh Jain, Joint Secretary of Union Ministry for Social Justice & Empowerment, and Dr. Shayama Chona, President 'Tamana', as well as H.E. Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India.

For further information, please visit: [http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Press\\_Releases\\_Embassy/PR\\_Tamana\\_May2016.html](http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Press_Releases_Embassy/PR_Tamana_May2016.html)



## Send-off for participants of the “Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science”

On April 9, Ambassador Hiramatsu participated in a Send-off for the participants of the “Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science” (\*) to encourage a total of 75 high school students and their supervisors, who were selected by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, and would leave for Japan on April 10. On this occasion, Ambassador Hiramatsu also enjoyed interacting with the participants and answered their various questions about Japan.

(\*) "Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science" (SAKURA Exchange Program in Science), organized by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), aims at raising the interest of Asian youth toward the leading Japanese science and technologies. Under the program, selected members of Asian youth are invited to Japan for a short term and they have interaction with Japanese scientists and students. JST, in India, implements this program in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.





# Updates from Consulates

## KOLKATA



Students and teachers of Japanese Language, and members of Nihongo Kaiwa Kyookai Society, performing at the 31st In-Nichi Bunkasai, held at Triguna Sen Auditorium, Jadavpur University, on February 27, 2016. This event is a landmark to fortify the cultural congruence between the two great nations of the orient.

*(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata)*



Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Mr. Kazumi Endo, interacting with the guests at the inauguration of the exhibition 'Handcrafted Form: Traditions & Techniques' organised at Portrait Gallery, Victoria Memorial Hall, on March 4, 2016. More than 60,000 people visited the exhibition to get a glimpse of Japanese handicrafts.

*(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata)*



Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Mr. Kazumi Endo, attending the book release ceremony of the Bengali translation of 'Kafka on the Shore' written by the famous contemporary Japanese writer Haruki Murakami, titled 'Samudratate Kafka' Part 1, held at K.P. Bose Memorial Hall, Jadavpur University, on March 5, 2016. Mr. Kaoru Miyamoto, Director General, The Japan Foundation, New Delhi, Mr. Pradeep Kumar Ghosh, Registrar, Jadavpur University, Prof. Abhijit Mukherjee, Former HOD - Department of Electrical Engineering and Teacher In-Charge of Japanese Studies, Jadavpur University, were present.

*(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata)*



Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Mr. Kazumi Endo, at the inauguration ceremony of 'The Project for Reducing the Magnitude of Avoidable Blindness of Needy People of the Community in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal', on March 16, 2016. A grant of US\$104795 was sanctioned to Vivekananda Mission Asram for the procurement of 15 Medical Equipment, 1 UPS, 1 Mini Generator, 1 Mobile Van, and 1 Mobile Bus for their Eye Hospital in Bishnupur, West Bengal.

*(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata)*



## CHENNAI



Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai, delivered an address at the on-board reception hosted by him and Mr. Hideki Uemura, Director for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, for the Next Generation Leaders Program 2015 'The Ship for World Youth Leaders', on February 9, 2016. Japanese ship 'Nippon Maru' arrived at Chennai for the program with 230 delegates from 11 countries including Japan and India.

(Photo: Cabinet Office, Government of Japan)



'A Night of Jasmine', dance performance by Japanese dancers of Indian classical dances, was conducted on February 26, 2016, at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Chennai. It was organized by the Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai and ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamilnadu Centre. Five eminent dancers, Ms. Masako Sato (Kathak), Ms. Keiko Okano (Mohiniyattam), Ms. Daya Tomiko (Bharatnayam), Ms. Keiko Watanabe (Kuchipudi), and Ms. Kimiko Yanagida (Odissi) (left to right), performed at the program.

(Photo: ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamilnadu Centre)



The signing ceremony of Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) was done on March 11, 2016, at the residence of the Consul-General of Japan in Chennai. The grant contracts were signed between Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai, and the representatives of two organizations, 'Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust', Telangana, and 'Deepthy Special School', Kerala.

(Photo: Makkal Kural)



Asia Monozukuri Conference was held in Chennai on March 15, 2016. It was co-organized by the Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association (HIDA), Nikkei Business Publications Inc., and ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamilnadu Centre. More than 300 delegates from Indian and Japanese affiliated companies attended the conference. H.E. Dr. K. Rosaiah, Honorable Governor of Tamilnadu, inaugurated the conference. Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai, was one of the main speakers at the opening session along with Mr. Kazuo Kaneko, President of HIDA.

(Photo: ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamilnadu Centre)



## MUMBAI



Mr. Yoshiaki Ito, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, felicitating Mrs. Hena Rahimtulla, President, Ohana Concept, with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for her contribution to the Japanese art of Ikebana, at the N.S.C.I. Club in Mumbai, on January 6, 2016.

*(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai)*



Audience enjoying performances at the 5th Cool Japan Festival, the biggest Japanese event in India, which was held on February 6-7, 2016, at the High Street Phoenix, Lower Parel in Mumbai. The festival with the theme 'Let's learn about Japan' showcased Japanese cultural performances, and visitors to the festival could purchase and try Japanese products while enjoying delicious Japanese food.

*(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai)*



Demonstration of Karate (Japanese Martial Art) by Mr. Nikhil Trivedi and Team from Arjun School of Martial Arts at the 5th Japan Festival was held on February 14, 2016, at the Ahmedabad Management Association in Ahmedabad.

*(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai)*



Mr. Yoshiaki Ito, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, signed the Grant Contract with Dr. Raghunath Wadekar, Secretary, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Shikshan and Arogya Prasarak Mandal, at the Consulate-General of Japan in Mumbai, on March 3, 2016. The Grant Contract was signed in respect of the financial assistance provided by the Government of Japan under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Project (GGP) scheme.

*(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai)*

## BENGALURU



“Japan Habba 2016”

The Japan Habba 2016 (Indo-Japan Cultural Exchange Program) was held at Bangalore University, Bengaluru, on February 21, 2016. Mr. Junichi Kawaue, Head of the Consulate of Japan in Bengaluru, gave a greeting to the guests for raising the curtain of the country session of Japan. This event is an annual festival held in Bengaluru to portray and celebrate the culture, arts and crafts of Japan and India.



*(Photo: Consulate of Japan in Bengaluru)*



“International Language Fair”

The International Language Fair was held at Bangalore University on February 28, 2016. This was organized by the Centre for Global Languages at Bangalore University and aimed at fostering better understanding of various foreign cultures. In this event, many performers including foreign students and Japanese residents living in the city presented dance and singing performances.



*(Photo: Consulate of Japan in Bengaluru)*



## Exploring Japan: Summer

Japan has four distinct seasons: winter, spring, summer, and autumn. The Japanese summer begins in June with a three to four week rainy season. This is an important time for farmers to plant rice. It becomes seriously hot and humid from July onward and many Japanese enjoy bathing in the sea and relaxing at cool resorts in mountainous areas. Summer is when many interesting festivals and other events are held all over the country.

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



Onuma Quasi-National Park [Hokkaido Prefecture]

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Tatemon Festival [Toyama Prefecture]

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## Welcome Reception for Junior Tennis National Team of Japan

On April 9, Ambassador Hiramatsu held a welcome reception at the Ambassador's Residence, Embassy of Japan, for the Junior Tennis National Team participating in the Junior Davis Cup (for U-16 Boys) and Junior Fed Cup (for U-16 Girls) Asia-Oceania Final Qualifying, held in Delhi. Both teams advanced to the World Championship, thanks to cordial support from the Tennis Association of Japanese Residents in Delhi.



## 2016 Spring Imperial Decorations

The Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2016 Spring Imperial Decorations on April 29, 2016. The 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' was awarded to Mr. Nand Kishore Singh, Former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), for his contribution to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and India.



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