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H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, reviewing the Republic Day Parade on 26 January 2014, in New Delhi

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# PRIME MINISTER ABE'S VISIT TO INDIA



*Prime Minister Abe shaking hands with H.E. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India*

H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, visited India from 25-27 January 2014, during which he attended the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi on 26 January as the Chief Guest. He also held extensive talks on bilateral, regional and global issues with H.E. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India.



*Japan-India joint press announcement*

Following their summit meeting on Saturday, January 25, the two Prime Ministers signed a joint statement titled “Intensifying the Strategic and Global Partnership.”

For details, please visit: [http://www.mofa.go.jp/s\\_sa/sw/in/page3e\\_000139.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/s_sa/sw/in/page3e_000139.html) and [http://japan.kantei.go.jp/96\\_abe/actions/201401/25india\\_e.html](http://japan.kantei.go.jp/96_abe/actions/201401/25india_e.html)



*Signing Ceremony for the Japan-India Joint Statement*



*Prime Minister Abe paying a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, President of India*



*Republic Day Parade*



*Prime Minister attending the reception hosted by the President of India*



*Japan-India Summit Meeting*



*Prime Minister delivering an address at the meeting with the accompanying representatives of the Japanese business community*



*Prime Minister delivering an address at the Science and Technology Seminar in Business and Academia*



*Prime Minister conversing with women leaders*



*Prime Minister meeting with those involved with the Priyadarshni Academy*



*Prime Minister at the commemorative photograph session at the Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association (HIDA) and Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) Seminar on Quality Management*

*(All photos credit: Cabinet Public Relations Office, the Government of Japan)*

# JAPAN-INDIA SUMMIT MEETING

January 25, 2014

On Saturday, January 25, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held a summit meeting with Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India. The overview of the meeting is as follows. Following the meeting, the two leaders signed a joint statement titled “Intensifying the Strategic and Global Partnership.”

At the beginning of the meeting, Prime Minister Singh expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Abe for accepting an invitation as the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations. Prime Minister Abe said he was honoured to be invited as the chief guest at the celebrations, the most important anniversary of India, along with expressing gratitude for the warm welcome Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan received from India when Their Majesties visited the country last year.

## 1. Politics and Security

- (1) Prime Minister Abe stressed the importance of maintaining the freedom of the seas and the rule of law in the Asia-Pacific region, and in response, Prime Minister Singh said he welcomes that Japan-India defense cooperation is growing stronger, including joint exercises between the Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, the participation of Japan in joint exercises between India and the United States, and the promotion of ministerial-level exchanges, such as a visit by India’s Minister of Defense to Japan this year. Prime Minister Singh also welcomed the launch of Japan’s National Security Council and the establishment of consultation between the Secretary-General of Japan’s National Security Secretariat and India’s National Security Advisor.
- (2) The two leaders also exchanged views on their perceptions of the circumstances in East Asia and other issues. Both leaders shared the view that the possession of nuclear weapons by North Korea cannot be permitted, and Prime Minister Abe requested further cooperation from India toward resolving the abduction issue. The two leaders agreed to launch bilateral dialogue on their respective relations with ASEAN.

- (3) On civil nuclear cooperation, the two leaders welcomed the vigorous negotiations held thus far between the relevant authorities as well as the substantial progress resulting from them. They shared the view that further efforts should be made towards an early conclusion of the negotiations.

## 2. The Economy and Economic Cooperation

- (1) Prime Minister Abe praised the substantial progress being made in economic relations between Japan and India, and expressed the view that India’s development benefits Japan, and that in the future also, Japan will continue to support India’s infrastructure development and poverty reduction etc. by utilizing ODA. Prime Minister Abe explained that the Government of Japan has pledged to provide three yen loan projects (total value approximately 200 billion yen), and Prime Minister Singh expressed gratitude for Japan’s ODA support. The two leaders welcomed the start of a joint feasibility study on high-speed railway system.
- (2) Both leaders expressed expectation that Japan’s sophisticated technologies will continue to be utilized in India’s infrastructure development, and in connection with that, they shared the view that cooperation on improving the business environment in India in order to expand investment from Japan will be strengthened.

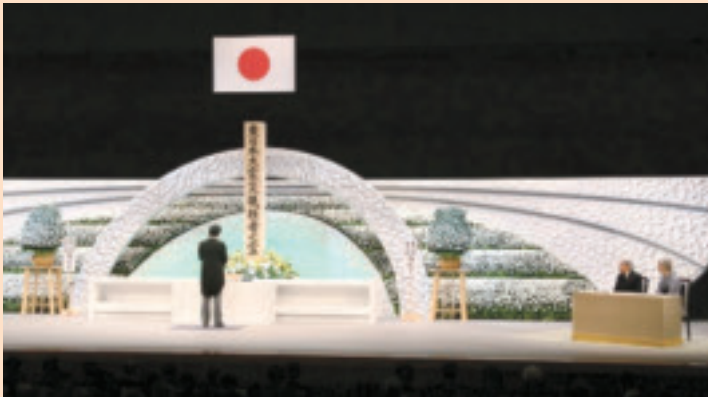
## 3. People-to-People and Academic Exchanges

Prime Minister Abe explained that the Government of Japan has decided to introduce multiple short-term visas for Indian ordinary passport holders, and Prime Minister Singh expressed his appreciation for that decision. In addition, Prime Minister Abe expressed expectation of deeper exchanges in the academic sector via the promotion of ties between higher educational institutions and the acceptance of students etc., between Japan and India.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.mofa.go.jp/s\\_sa/sw/in/page3e\\_000139.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/s_sa/sw/in/page3e_000139.html) and [http://japan.kantei.go.jp/96\\_abe/actions/201401/25india\\_e.html](http://japan.kantei.go.jp/96_abe/actions/201401/25india_e.html)

# THE CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT EAST JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014



Photograph of the Prime Minister delivering an address

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attended the Ceremony to Commemorate the Third Anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake held in Tokyo in the presence of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

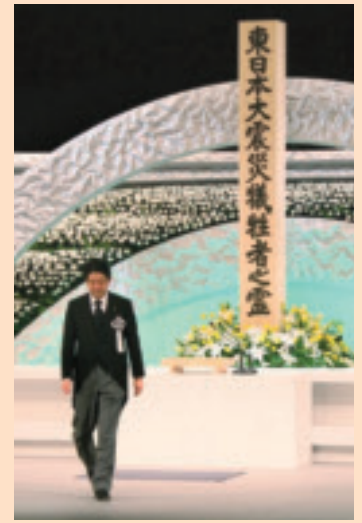
Following the moment of silence, the Prime Minister delivered an address, followed by the address of His Majesty the Emperor.

Afterwards, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the House of Councillors, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court gave their memorial addresses. The representatives

of the bereaved family members then delivered addresses, after which the participants offered flowers.

It is one of the top priorities for the Abe administration to accelerate the reconstruction from the Great East Japan Earthquake, along with the ongoing economic revitalization and effective crisis management. Please refer to the briefing materials presented by Minister for Reconstruction for details: <http://www.reconstruction.go.jp/rap/2014/02/20140226115840.html>

Japan is deeply grateful for India's generous support and warm friendship extended after the disaster hit the northeastern part of the country, including relief consignments, a rescue team dispatch, donations and well-wishers' prayers.



Photograph of the Prime Minister after delivering an address

(Photos credit: Cabinet Public Relations Office)

## JAPAN CONFERS "THE ORDER OF THE RISING SUN, GOLD AND SILVER STAR" ON DR. E. SREEDHARAN



Dr. Sreedharan after the Presentation Ceremony in the Imperial Palace, Tokyo, on 6th November 2013



Reception hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Takeshi Yagi on 7 March 2014 to celebrate the conferment of "The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star" on Dr. E. Sreedharan, former Managing Director, Principal Advisor of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation

A Reception was held on March 7, 2014, at the Ambassador's Residence, Embassy of Japan, to celebrate the conferment of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, on Dr. Elattuvalapil Sreedharan, former Managing Director, Principal Advisor of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.

This 2013 Autumn Imperial Decoration, announced on 3 November 2013, was conferred on Dr. Sreedharan in recognition of his contribution to strengthening Japan's presence in India and to promoting friendly relations between Japan and India through the Delhi Metro project.

## JAPAN-INDIA DEFENCE MINISTERIAL MEETING AND JAPAN-INDIA MARITIME EXERCISE



*Defense Minister Onodera shakes hands with Defence Minister Antony*

**M**r. Itsunori Onodera, Defense Minister of Japan, visited India from 5-8 January 2014 and held a meeting with Mr. A.K. Antony, Defence Minister of India. The two

Ministers exchanged ideas regarding regional and global security challenges, as well as bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges between Japan and India. They also shared views on issues relating to the peace, stability and prosperity of the region.



*Indian Helicopter landing at Japanese vessel, Japan-India Maritime Exercise*

*For more information on Defense Minister Onodera's visit to India, please see the Joint Press Release at: [http://www.mod.go.jp/j/press/youjin/2014/01/06\\_js\\_e.html](http://www.mod.go.jp/j/press/youjin/2014/01/06_js_e.html)*

## COAST GUARDS OF JAPAN AND INDIA HOLD A DIALOGUE AND JOINT EXERCISE

**A** high-level delegation led by Mr. Yuji Sato, Commandant, Japan Coast Guard, visited India from 12-15 January 2014 for a Dialogue and Joint Exercise with the Indian Coast Guard.

The Indian delegation was headed by the Director-General of Coast Guard, Vice Admiral Anurag G. Thapliyal. The joint exercise was conducted off the coast of Kochi.



*Vice Admiral Anurag G. Thapliyal, Director General of Indian Coast Guard, presenting the memento to Mr. Yuji Sato, Commandant of Japan Coast Guard*



*Joint Exercise between Japan Coast Guard and Indian Coast Guard*

*(Photos courtesy: Japan Coast Guard)*

*To learn more about Japan Coast Guard, please visit: [http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/e/index\\_e.htm](http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/e/index_e.htm)*

## KOLKATA



*“Spirit of Budo”, an exhibition on the history of martial arts of Japan, held at ICCR Kolkata in January 2014, organised by the Consulate-General of Japan in Kolkata, supported by the Japan Foundation*



*Education in Japan - Counselling session at Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan, on 24th January 2014*



*An Origami workshop on 14th February 2014*

*(All photos credit: Consulate General of Japan, Kolkata)*

## CHENNAI



*Lecture and Demonstration by Japanese Maiko, organized by the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai and Japan Foundation, New Delhi. Two Maiko from Gion, Kyoto, are dancing at the Taj Coromandel Hotel, Chennai, on 24th February 2014*



*Maiko Lecture and Demonstration at the Taj Coromandel Hotel, Chennai*



*Samurai Film Festival at Chennai, organized by the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai, supported by the Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation and Japan Foundation, New Delhi*

*(All photos credit: Consulate General of Japan, Chennai)*



## MUMBAI



Cool Japan Festival 2014 held at The Courtyard of High Street Phoenix, Lower Parel, Mumbai, on 17-19 January 2014



Japan Festival 2013 held at AMA Complex, ATRIA Campus, Ahmedabad, on 21-22 December 2013



Japan Festival 2013 held at AMA Complex, ATRIA Campus, Ahmedabad, on 21-22 December 2013

(All photos credit: Consulate General of Japan, Mumbai)

For more information on Japan Festival 2013 and Cool Japan Festival 2014, please visit: <http://www.mumbai.in.emb-japan.go.jp/en>

## BANGALORE



The performance of Wadaiko, Japanese traditional drums, at the Japan Festival on 23 February 2014



Screening a Japanese movie at Language Fair on 26 January 2014



Ikebana flower arrangement held by Sogetsu Bangalore chapter on 22 February 2014

(All photos credit: Consulate of Japan, Bangalore)

# 26<sup>TH</sup> ALL INDIA JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST 2014 HELD IN NEW DELHI



*Ambassador Yagi addressing the audience*



*One of the participants in the senior category*



*H.E. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan, and Mrs. Yagi (Front row: 1st and 2nd from right) witnessing the contest*



*Audience and participants cheering the contestants*

The 26th All India Japanese Language Speech Contest was held on January 11th, 2014, in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Winners of the North, South, West and East zones Regional Japanese Language Speech Contests participated in the contest. H.E. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan, was the Chief Guest at the event.

The eligible 8 prize winners in the senior and junior categories of the final round of the 2014 All India Japanese Language Speech Contest will be invited to visit Japan under the JENESYS 2.0 Short-term Invitation Programme in Japan, in June 2014.



*Contest winners pose for a group photograph*

# EXPLORING JAPAN : WORLD HERITAGE SITES

In the third part of our series “Exploring Japan” we bring you beautiful images of some of the world heritage sites in Japan, with a focus on 4 Natural Heritage sites in this issue. We hope you enjoy the amazing landscapes and new views.

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



*Yakushima Island [Kagoshima Prefecture]*

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*Yakushima Cedar [Kagoshima Prefecture]*

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*Shirakami Mountains [Aomori Prefecture]*

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*Shiretoko Peninsula [Hokkaido Prefecture]*

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*Ogasawara Islands [Tokyo Prefecture]*

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*Bonin white eye [Tokyo Prefecture]*

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# JICA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (JAAI)

By JICA India Office



Mr. R.K. Jaiswal, Secretary - JICA Alumni Association of India, addressing the audience at the International Technical Seminar on Surface Transport, held in New Delhi on 18th January 2014

JICA Alumni Association of India (JAAI) is an association of ex-participants of JICA training programmes from India, working under the patronage of JICA. During their stay in Japan, the participants get exposed to the latest technology and "best practices".

These JICA trainees

play a very important role and contribute in the economic as well as social development in their respective countries.

In 1968, 6 - 7 former Indian participants volunteered to form an alumni association under the auspices of the Embassy of Japan and JICA India, to foster, promote and strengthen mutual cooperation and friendship between India and Japan. Initially incorporated as Overseas Trainees, its name has since been changed to JICA Alumni Association of India (JAAI). The membership of JAAI has now reached 975. It has been organizing workshops to promote Japanese culture, such as Ikebana, Origami, Tea Ceremony, Yukata-wearing, use of chopsticks, etc., International Technical Seminar on current subjects of public interest, Environment Awareness Programme for school children, Programme with Differently-abled/Special Children,

Health camp in the slum areas, Annual Convention addressed by the Ambassador of Japan in India, Excursion trips, volunteering as host family to JOCVs, and so on. It also publishes its annual magazine, "SAHYOG", which is a compilation of JAAI activities and contributions by members/tutors/Japanese host families.

JAAI functions through a biennially elected executive body. The current president is Mr. Anant Kumar, and Mr. R.K. Jaiswal is the Honorary Secretary.

If you are interested in more information on JAAI, please contact JICA India Office (Tel: 011-4768-5500).



Environment Awareness Programme for school children, organized by JAAI on 7 February 2014

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