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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida, with External Affairs Minister of India, Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, during his visit to New Delhi on 17 January 2015

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Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida Visits India (January 16-17, 2015)



Eighth Japan-India Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue held in New Delhi

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida, during his visit to India, held the **Eighth Japan-India Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue** with **External Affairs Minister of India, Mrs. Sushma Swaraj**, on January 17, 2015 for approximately four hours. The overview of the dialogue is as follows: The dialogue started with a small group meeting in which the two ministers discussed the enhancement of regional connectivity including the development of Northeast India, cooperation in the infrastructure field, and civil nuclear cooperation for approximately 35 minutes. The two ministers then exchanged views on the bilateral relationship, cooperation in the international arena, and strategic regional cooperation in an expanded meeting for approximately two hours. The dialogue ended with a working dinner in which the two ministers discussed mainly on regional affairs over one hour.

Ahead of the dialogue, Minister Kishida gave a policy speech at the Indian Council of World Affairs on the subject of “Special Partnership for the Era of the Indo-Pacific.”

(Note: The Japan-India Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue has been held in Japan and India alternately since 2007. The last dialogue was held in Tokyo in March 2013).

1. Bilateral relations

(1) Beginning

Minister Kishida said that Japan, based on remorse regarding the war, has consistently contributed to the prosperity of the world as a peace loving nation and will continue to make such contributions without

swaying its footstep. Furthermore, Minister Kishida said that with the arrival of an era in which the Indo-Pacific region becomes the epicenter of global prosperity, the Japan-India partnership is a special relationship that will lead the new era and that, based on this recognition, he chose India as the first country to visit following his reappointment. Minister Kishida also explained that he gave a speech at the Indian Council of World Affairs to convey the importance of this special partnership.

(2) Political and Security Affairs

The two Ministers affirmed the promotion of political dialogue including Japan-India-U.S. trilateral cooperation, and security cooperation such as joint maritime exercises. In particular, the both Ministers agreed that a vice-ministerial-level 2+2 dialogue will be held at an early timing. Furthermore, Minister Kishida expressed his appreciation for the support H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, showed for Japan's policy of “Proactive Contribution to Peace” at the Japan-India Summit Meeting in September last year and explained the current situation regarding the development of Japan's security legislation.

(3) Disarmament and non-proliferation

Minister Kishida said that he is well aware of India's position on disarmament and non-proliferation, while Japan is pursuing the universalization of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), and hopes that India will make constructive efforts including the continuation of its moratorium on nuclear tests. The two

ministers confirmed that both countries will cooperate in areas where cooperation is possible.

(4) Economy and economic cooperation

As a follow-up to the “Japan-India Investment Promotion Partnership,” Minister Kishida explained that, in connection with the goal of doubling Japan's direct investment and the number of Japanese companies in India in five years, as of October 2014 the number of Japanese companies in India had risen by 137 compared to the previous year, to 1,209. Minister Kishida said that the improvement of the business environment continues to be essential and that he wants to build a win-win relationship with efforts of both sides. Furthermore, Minister Kishida said that the Japanese business community has high expectations for the Japan Plus team and conveyed his strong hope that it will function effectively.

On high-speed railway system, Minister Kishida welcomed the progress on the joint feasibility study on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad route and expressed his hope that it will become the first route in which Shinkansen system is introduced in India.

Regarding ODA, Minister Kishida welcomed the recent signing of exchange of notes on a yen loan of 50 billion yen for infrastructure development in India and said that he wants to cooperate in ways that benefit both Japan and India.

(5) Science and technology cooperation

Both Ministers shared their recognition that science and technology is extremely important as a new area of strategic cooperation and shared the view that they will advance concrete cooperation as this year marks the 30th anniversary of the conclusion of the Japan-India Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Science and Technology.

2. Cooperation in the international arena and strategic regional cooperation

In connection with cooperation in the international arena, the two Ministers confirmed close cooperation in the United Nations Security Council reform. Regarding strategic regional cooperation, they exchanged views on topics such as the WTO (World Trade Organization) and RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership). Furthermore, Minister Kishida said that he wants to enhance connectivity within SAARC (the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) and that he hopes to work together with India to strengthen connectivity between SAARC and ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations). In this regard, Minister Kishida explained that a study has been underway since this month on a project to improve the road network in Northeast India.

3. Regional affairs

At the working dinner, the two Ministers exchanged views on the security environment in East and Southeast Asia, as well as that South Asia including Sri Lanka, and situations in the Middle East, Africa and other regions.



Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida, paying a courtesy call on Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi



Minister Kishida placing a wreath at Rajghat



Minister Kishida giving a policy speech at the Indian Council of World Affairs
(All photos and text: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

Policy Speech by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to the 189th Session of the Diet, delivered on February 12, 2015



(Photos: Cabinet Public Relations Office, the Government of Japan)

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe began his address by condemning the terrorist incident in Syria in which Japanese nationals were murdered, and expressed his deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to the families of the victims. He added that his government will continue to take all possible measures to secure the safety of Japanese nationals at home and abroad, including the enhancement of measures at Japan's borders. Through humanitarian assistance, including food and medical assistance, Japan will steadfastly fulfill its responsibilities to the international community combatting terrorism.

He outlined his government's policies on economic revitalization, restoration from disaster, social security reforms, the rebuilding of education, revitalization of local economies in Japan, women's empowerment, as well as diplomacy and security.

EXCERPTS FROM THE POLICY SPEECH

“Proactive Contribution to Peace” 70 Years after the War

This year marks 70 years since the end of WWII.

Japan has earnestly built up a free and democratic nation based on feelings of deep remorse regarding WWII and contributed to peace and prosperity in the world. Taking pride in this, we must be a nation that contributes even more to peace and stability in the world. As we head towards the next decades to come, I intend to convey to the world the message of our strong resolve in this regard.

Japan will share with the world our experiences and lessons learned from countless natural disasters. In March, the United Nations (UN) World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held in Sendai. We will jointly address the challenges unique to island countries. In May, the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM) will be convened in Iwaki. We will work to ensure that the 21st century is one in which there will be no human rights violations against women. In order to realize a world in which all women shine, Japan before autumn will invite the participation of women who are playing an active role from all around the world, as we did last year.

This year also marks 70 years since the atomic bombings. As the only country to have suffered atomic bombings in war, Japan will lead the international effort on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

This year, the 70th anniversary of the UN, Japan will bid for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council. We are determined to play a major role in reforming the UN in a manner suitable for the 21st century.

This is precisely the year in which Japan will raise the banner of “Proactive Contribution to Peace” even higher and be a country trusted by the world. I intend to make this a year befitting the 70 years since the end of WWII.

Diplomacy that takes a panoramic perspective of the world map

Japan will continue to carry out proactive diplomacy that takes a panoramic perspective of the world map, working with countries such as Australia, the ASEAN member states, India, and European countries, with whom we share the fundamental values of freedom, democracy, basic human rights, and the rule of law.

The Japan-U.S. Alliance is the linchpin of our diplomacy. Over the past two years, the bonds of the Japan-U.S. Alliance have been reinvigorated, and have become unwavering. We will proceed with the revision of the Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation and further enhance its deterrence.

We will also proceed with the realignment of the US forces in Japan in accordance with the existing bilateral agreements. By the end of March, the West Futenma Housing area will be returned. I am strongly determined to realize the return of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma, which is located in a city center and surrounded by schools and houses. For this, we will continue to take steps to relocate MCAS Futenma onto land off the coast of Henoko in Nago City, while continuing our efforts to gain the understanding of the people in Okinawa. Grounded in the firm trust between Japan and the United States, we will continue to engage in reducing the impact of the bases in Okinawa not through unsubstantiated words but through actual actions.

Japan and China, which bear great responsibility for the peace and prosperity of the region, share an inseparable relationship. Last November, I held a summit meeting with President Xi Jinping. We affirmed our principle of a “Mutually Beneficial Relationship based on Common Strategic Interests” and took a significant step forward towards

improving our relations. We will strengthen our stable friendship from a broad perspective, while deepening dialogues at various levels, and rise to the expectations of the international community.

The Republic of Korea (ROK) is our most important neighboring country. Reaching the year of the 50th anniversary of the normalization of the Japan-ROK relations, Japan will continually engage in dialogue to improve our relations. Japan's door for dialogue is always open.

With Russia, the reality is that our two countries have yet to conclude a peace treaty even now, 70 years after the end of WWII. I have held summit meetings with President Putin on ten occasions so far. I hope to realize the President's visit to Japan at an appropriate time this year. Building upon the series of summit meetings held thus far, we will tenaciously continue negotiations with Russia towards the conclusion of a peace treaty, while

deepening our cooperation in a range of fields, including the economy and culture.

As for North Korea, we will continue to urge North Korea to comprehensively resolve the outstanding issues of concern, including the abductions, nuclear, and missile issues. With regard to the abductions issue, which is one of the most important issues for Japan, North Korea should expeditiously conduct investigations and sincerely report all of the results to Japan as early as possible. Under the principles of "dialogue and pressure" and "action for action," Japan will continue to make its utmost efforts to achieve the resolution of the abductions issue.

(Complete text of the speech can be accessed at:

http://japan.kantei.go.jp/97_abe/statement/201502/policy.html)

Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Japan (March 14 - 18, 2015)



Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe, speaking at the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

(Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office, Japan)

The UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) is a UN-hosted conference to discuss international strategy on disaster risk reduction. Japan hosted the third conference in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, from March 14 to 18, 2015, following the first conference in Yokohama in 1994 and second conference in Kobe in 2005. **Union Home Minister of India, Mr. Rajnath Singh, attended the said conference, where he presented the Country Statement on March 14, 2015.**

Overview

- (1) Participants included Heads of State/Government and ministers, representatives of international organizations, and internationally accredited NGOs.
- (2) A successor framework of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) [Note] (post-HFA) was adopted.
- (3) In addition to the main conference, various related events and study tours were held in the nearby facilities and the surrounding communities.



Union Home Minister of India, Mr. Rajnath Singh, chairing the Round Table meeting at the conference on March 15, 2015

(Photo: Embassy of India in Japan)

Japan's Expectation

- (1) To promote mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction [Note] in international cooperation as well as domestic policies of the member states.
- (2) To disseminate and share worldwide Japan's knowledge about and expertise in disaster risk reduction and recovery acquired through the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and other natural disasters.

Related Event: Public Forum "Disaster Risk Reduction and Human Security"

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan co-hosted a public forum "Disaster Risk Reduction and Human Security" with the UN Human Security Unit, on March 17, 2015, at Tohoku University Kawauchi-kita Campus. Leaders from the UN, governments and civil society who are active in the area of disaster risk reduction highlighted the effectiveness of the human security approach in tackling disaster risk reduction and what kind of efforts are further required.

For more information, please visit

http://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/gic/page22e_000637.html and
http://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/gic/page3e_000305.html

METI State Minister Takagi Visits India



From January 9 to 13, 2015, **Mr. Yosuke Takagi, State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry**, visited India. In Gujarat, he attended the “Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2015” and had meetings with **H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India**, and **H.E. Ms. Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister, State Government of Gujarat**. In Andhra Pradesh (AP), State Minister Takagi had a meeting with **H.E. Mr. Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, State Government of AP**, and also had the first trilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, State Government of AP, and H.E. Mr. S. Iswaran, Second Minister for Trade and Industry, Government of Singapore, toward enhancing mutual cooperation for the development of a new AP state capital.

1. Visiting Gujarat (January 10 and 11)

1) Attending Vibrant Gujarat Summit as a representative of Japan



State Minister Takagi attended Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2015 as the head of delegation of the Government of Japan, a “Partner Country” of Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2015. Vibrant Gujarat Summit is an event that was inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi during his tenure of office as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, aiming to attract foreign

investment in Gujarat. State Minister Takagi presented keynote speeches at the opening ceremony and at a Japan Session before dignitaries from major countries and international organizations, including Prime Minister Modi, H.E. Mr. John F. Kerry, United States Secretary of State, H.E. Mr. Andrew Rob, Minister for Trade and Investment, Australia, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jim Yong Kim, President, World Bank. Through the speeches, State Minister Takagi remarked on Japanese companies' expectations and contributions to Gujarat and India in general, the potential for future development of the Japan-India relationship, and other issues.

In addition, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and the State Government of Gujarat concluded a memorandum of cooperation toward the enhanced economic relationship.

2) Bilateral meetings

[i] Meeting with Prime Minister Modi



At the meeting with Prime Minister Modi, toward the goal of doubling the number of Japanese companies in India and the investment amount from Japan to India over the coming five years, which was agreed at the summit meeting between Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister Modi in September 2014, both sides agreed to cooperate in conducting concrete actions aimed at early realization of the goal and to further enhance and deepen the Japan-India relationship for that purpose. Moreover, State Minister Takagi stated that Japan intends to deepen exchange with India from the viewpoints of history, culture, and human resources, as well as the economic field, and both sides agreed with the approach.

[ii] Meeting with Chief Minister Patel, Gujarat

The meeting between State Minister Takagi and H.E. Ms. Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister, State Government of Gujarat, was held with people from those Japanese companies that lead business activities in Gujarat attending. Gujarat, a state providing an excellent investment environment, has been conducting many projects in which Japanese



companies are involved. Based on that fact, State Minister Takagi conveyed to the Gujarat side that the state will play a key role in achieving the goal of doubling the number of Japanese companies in India and the investment amount from Japan to India, which was set at the Japan-India summit meeting, and he also requested the Gujarat side to further accelerate the development of the projects. In response, both sides agreed to inaugurate METI-Gujarat policy dialogues and to cooperate in overcoming a variety of challenges that companies face one-by-one, while utilizing the opportunities of such policy dialogues, so as to further enhance the METI-Gujarat economic relationship.

[iii] Meeting with Minister Patel, Gujarat

At the meeting with H.E. Mr. Saurabhshai Patel, Minister of Finance and Industry, State Government of Gujarat, State Minister Takagi requested the Gujarat side to further accelerate the development of the projects in which Japanese companies are involved in Gujarat. In response, they agreed to establish a framework to be operated by the State Government of Gujarat to follow up the projects once a month and endeavor to promote closer collaboration.

2. Visiting Andhra Pradesh (AP) (January 12)

In November 2014, METI and AP concluded a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) on Industrial Development in AP for advancing urban development, including development of a new AP state capital, cooperation in the smart city, and industrial cooperation. Concerning the development of a new AP state capital, one of the agreements in the MOC, the first trilateral meeting was held in Hyderabad, AP, among State Minister Takagi, Chief Minister Naidu, and H.E. Mr. S. Iswaran, Second Minister for Trade and Industry, Singapore, aiming to promote the project under the cooperation among AP, Japan and Singapore.

1) Bilateral meetings

[i] Meeting with Chief Minister Naidu, AP

Before the trilateral meeting, State Minister Takagi held a bilateral

meeting with Chief Minister Naidu. He introduced Japan's infrastructure-related and other technologies as Japanese companies' advantages. At the same time, he also described a model under which Japan successfully developed its economy during the 1960s and 1970s, and explained to Chief Minister Naidu that the model based on Japan's experience would work for developing a new AP state capital. In response, Chief Minister Naidu stated AP's expectation toward Japan's technologies, its investment, its companies' business development, and local employment creation derived from such development, and both sides agreed to advance the development of a new AP state capital taking advantage of Japan's strong points.

[ii] Meeting with Second Minister Iswaran, Singapore

In the lead-up to the trilateral meeting, State Minister Takagi held a bilateral meeting with Second Minister Iswaran. He stated Japan's intention to cooperate with Singapore in advancing the development of a new AP state capital while taking advantage of Japan's technologies and establishing a win-win relationship between Japan and Singapore. Both sides agreed to cooperate in advancing the development of a new AP state capital since the cooperation will help Japan and Singapore build a complementary relationship.

2) Trilateral meeting with Chief Minister Naidu and Second Minister Iswaran

At the trilateral meeting, Japan, AP and Singapore agreed to cooperate in developing a new AP state capital and enhancing it to the world's highest-level city under the strong leadership of Chief Minister Naidu and the cooperation framework between Japan, a country with many global manufacturers and with cutting-edge, infrastructure-related technologies and operation knowhow, and Singapore, a country with rich experience in urban development, by providing AP with their advantages.

Moreover, they agreed to establish a framework under which AP, Japan and Singapore will regularly hold officials' level meetings chaired by AP to discuss the development of a new AP state capital.

Japanese Business Establishments in India

January, 2015
Embassy of Japan in India, JETRO

About this list

The complete list of Japanese business establishments in India is available at http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/PDF/20150105_j_cos_list.pdf

The Embassy of Japan in New Delhi, Consulates General of Japan in Mumbai/ Chennai/ Kolkata, Consulate of Japan in Bangalore, and JETRO have collectively compiled this list, with the cooperation of various Japanese chambers of commerce and industries located in India.

The findings of our survey this year (as of October, 2014) include:

The total number of Japanese companies registered in India is 1,209 with an increase of 137 companies (13% growth) as compared to 1,072 in October 2013.

◆ This list is arranged in alphabetical order as per the location.



Ambassador Yagi attends Grand Opening Ceremony of Amada Technical Center in Bangalore, on October 15, 2014

(Photo: Amada Technical Center)



Ambassador Yagi attends the inauguration ceremony of KYB-Conmat's factory in Vadodra, Gujarat on November 15, 2014

(Photo: KYB-Conmat)



Ambassador Yagi attends Opening Ceremony of Oji JK Packaging Neemrana Factory on December 3, 2014

(Photo: Oji JK Packaging)

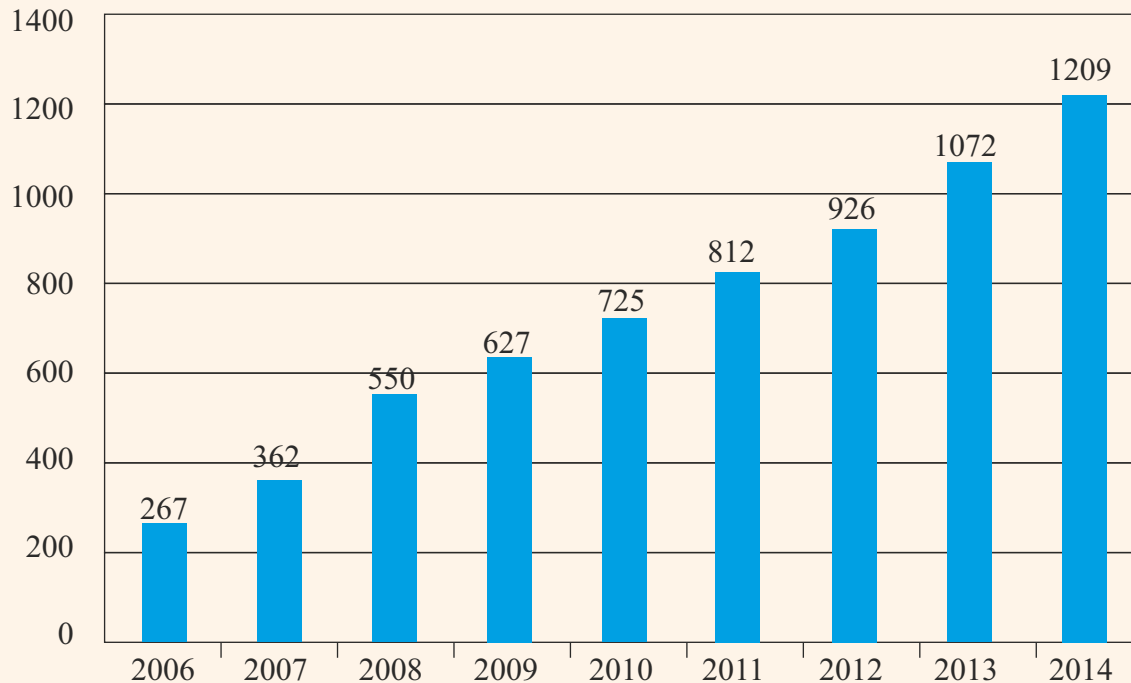


Gujarat Chief Minister Smt. Anandiben Patel and Ambassador Yagi attend Maruti Suzuki's Foundation Stone Ceremony in Gujarat on January 28, 2015

(Photo: Maruti Suzuki)

Presence of Japanese Companies in India

(companies)



(Source) Survey by Embassy of Japan, New Delhi

(data for 2006 is as of January, data for 2007 is as of February, the rest of years are as of October)

Japanese Companies in India (State-wise: as of October 2014)

State	Number of Company
Delhi	136
Haryana	274
Uttar Pradesh	40
Rajasthan	34
Punjab	4
West Bengal	18
Jharkhand	3
Maharashtra	207
Gujarat	26
Madhya Pradesh	4
Goa	2
Tamil Nadu	225
Andhra Pradesh	35
Kerala	19
Karnataka	182
Total	1209

Note: Though Andhra Pradesh has been divided into two states: Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in June 2014, the Japanese business establishments operating in both the states are counted under Andhra Pradesh, as Hyderabad city which belongs to Telangana State will remain the common state capital for both the states for next 20 years.

(Source: http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/PDF/20150105_j_cos_list.pdf)

Japan's State Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism participates in the High Speed Rail Seminar in New Delhi



State Minister Issei Kitagawa on the podium

Mr. Issei Kitagawa, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, visited India to participate in the High Speed Rail Seminar in New Delhi, on 28 February 2015. At the Seminar, State Minister Kitagawa delivered his opening remarks on the endeavours that the Japanese public and private sectors had made on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail project, followed by the keynote speech by H.E. Mr. Manoj Sinha, State Minister for Railways. In the bilateral meeting, they exchanged views on possible cooperation on the high speed rail project.



The audience listens keenly to the speakers



State Minister for Railways, H. E. Mr. Manoj Sinha, delivers his keynote speech



The two State Ministers discuss the high speed rail project



Miss India 2014, Miss Jhataleka Malhotra, in front of the Shinkansen driving simulator

India-Japan Science Seminar commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Science and Technology Cooperation



India-Japan Science Seminar

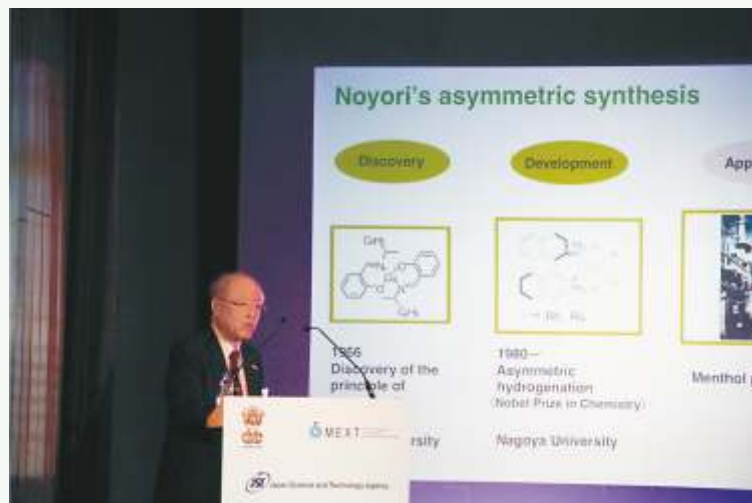
The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan, and the Department of Science and Technology (DST), India, jointly organized the “India-Japan Science Seminar” on February 26, 2015, at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Delhi, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the conclusion of the 'Japan-India Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Science and Technology'.

The highlight of the seminar was the keynote lecture by **Professor Ryoji Noyori, President, RIKEN (Institute of Physical and Chemical Research), and Nobel Laureate in Chemistry in 2001. Mr. Sadayuki Tsuchiya, Deputy Minister of MEXT, Mr. Yutaka Kikuta, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister, Embassy of Japan, Professor Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST, and Professor R. K. Shevgaonkar, Director, IIT-Delhi,** were the main speakers at the inaugural session.

This rare and exclusive lecture was followed by discussions among eminent scientists from both Japan and India for the strengthening of



Presentation by Mr. Sadayuki Tsuchiya, Deputy Minister, MEXT



Keynote Lecture by Professor Ryoji Noyori, President of RIKEN and Nobel Laureate in Chemistry

Japan-India cooperation in the field of Science and Technology.

Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) announced that it has set up a liaison office in New Delhi for further strengthening Japan-India Science and Technology cooperation. The Seminar, especially Professor Noyori's lecture, attracted over 500 enthusiastic young scientists/students, which provided them with opportunities to start “research in Japan” and “research with Japan” in the cutting-edge fields of science and technology.

To commemorate the 30th Anniversary, another seminar entitled “**Amazing!! State-of-the-art Technology of Japan for Creating Future**” was organized by MEXT to introduce state-of-the-art technology of Japan in the field of organic electro luminescence, humanoid robotics and biomedical, which was held at the 21st International Engineering and Technology Fair (IETF) - 2015, Japan Pavilion, in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, on 27 February 2015.



Address by Mr. Yutaka Kikuta, DCM and Minister, Embassy of Japan

(All photos credit: Embassy of Japan in India)

Signing Ceremony for Four New Grassroots Grant Assistance Projects in the amount of 350 thousand US Dollars

The Government of Japan offers a financial assistance scheme called “the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)” for development projects designed to meet the diverse basic human needs of the people in developing countries. Under this scheme, Grant contracts totaling 349,419 US Dollars were signed between Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan to India, and the representatives of the respective recipient organizations, on 18th March, 2015, at the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi, for four new projects as detailed below:



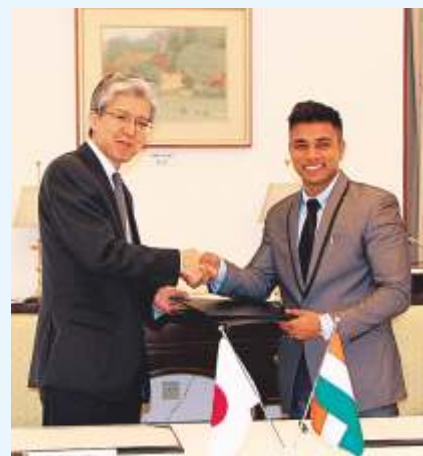
The Project for the Expansion of Vocational Training Center for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Delhi

(Recipient Organization: Tamana) - This project, amounting to 81,664 US Dollars, will support the construction of 2 vocational training classrooms and a bakery unit for children and youth with disabilities, in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.



The Project for the Construction of Out Patient Department for the Poor Patients in Agra, Uttar Pradesh

(Recipient Organization: Assisi Sister's St. Joseph's Dispensary) - This project, amounting to 99,457 US Dollars, aims to construct an out-patient department building for economically poor patients in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.



The Project for the Construction of Shelter Home in Amroha, Uttar Pradesh, for Destitute and Helpless Old Aged People Picked up from the Streets in Delhi

(Recipient Organization: Saint Hardyal Education and Orphans Welfare Society) - This project, amounting to 95,991 US Dollars, will help the construction of a shelter home in Amroha, Uttar Pradesh, to protect old aged people picked up from the streets in Delhi.



The Project for the Construction of Community Health Clinic in Khamrang Village, Kolasib District, Mizoram

(Recipient Organization: Mission Foundation Movement) - This project, amounting to 72,307 US Dollars, is to construct a clinic and provide primary health care to the people in the villages in Kolasib, Mizoram.

Signing of Exchange of Notes on Japanese ODA Loan of 53.023 Billion JPY for the Rengali Irrigation Project (Phase 2) and Project for Pollution Abatement of River Mula-Mutha in Pune

The Exchange of Notes on Japanese ODA Loan for the two projects totaling JPY 53.023 billion, approximately INR 2,760 crore, was signed in New Delhi on March 27th, 2015, between Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan to India, and Mr. Tarun Bajaj, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, as detailed below:

(1) Rengali Irrigation Project (Phase 2) (33.959 Billion JPY): The Japanese ODA loan will be provided to install irrigation facilities, organize and build the capacity of Water Users Associations, and extend technical guidance to the farmers in the area of River Burahmani in the state of Odisha.

(2) Project for Pollution Abatement of River Mula-Mutha in Pune (19.064 Billion JPY): The Japanese ODA loan will be provided to develop sewage facility such as sewage treatment plant, sewage pipe, and public toilets for common use in Pune city.



(For further details, visit http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/Press_Releases_Embassy/PR05_2015.html)

Updates from Consulates

KOLKATA



Aki & Kuniko, a duo of koto and acoustic guitar, performing “Maedagawa” with Tanmoy Bose, an eminent table player, at Rabindra Okakura Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, on 9th December, 2014

(Photo credit: Consulate General of Japan, Kolkata)



Mr. Kazumi Endo, Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, and his wife Misako Endo, with June Malia, a Tollywood star, at the second anniversary of Japanese restaurant Wasabee, Kalikapur, Kolkata, on 9th December, 2014

(Photo credit: Consulate General of Japan, Kolkata)



Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata introduces Japanese cultures to the students of Bodhicariya School, Rajarhat, Kolkata, on 12th February, 2015

(Photo credit: Consulate General of Japan, Kolkata)



Inauguration of a service delivery centre constructed under Grant Assistance for Grassroots Project “Integrated Service Delivery to Promote Sustainable Development on Health and Education for the High Risk Community Project” at Tara Para, Mohitnagar Village, Jalpaiguri, on 17th February, 2015

(Photo credit: Consulate General of Japan, Kolkata)



Visit of the 9th FEC (The International Friendship Exchange Council) Delegation to Chennai from 8th to 9th December, 2014. The Delegation, headed by Mr. Kenichi Watanabe, Chairman of FEC Japan-India Cultural and Economic Exchange Committee, Senior Advisor to the Board, Nomura Holdings, Inc., meeting with H.E. Mr. P. Thangamani, Minister of Industry, Government of the State of Tamil Nadu.

(Photos credit: The International Friendship Exchange Council)



Presentation Ceremony of Picture Books, organized by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chennai (JCCIC) and the Spastic Society of Tamil Nadu (SPASTN) in commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of JCCIC on 23 January 2015, held at the SPASTN, Chennai.

Mr. Masanori Nakano, former Consul-General of Japan in Chennai, making the inaugural speech at the ceremony

Mr. Masanori Nakano, former Consul-General of Japan in Chennai (1st from left) and Mr. Tsuyoshi Yamane, Team Leader of JCCIC 10th Anniversary Project (2nd from left) with the students of SPASTN

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Ms. Hikaru Kawai, Miss World Japan 2014 (right) and Ms. Hitomi Yoshioka, Miss World Japan 2014 runner-up (left) to promote Tourism and Study in Japan at 'Mood Indigo', the annual festival held in Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, on 26 Dec. 2014

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The Japan Information and Study Centre was inaugurated by Mr. Bhupendrasinh Chudasama (fifth from right), Minister of Education, Govt. of Gujarat, on 10 Jan., 2015, at Ahmedabad Management Association. (Fourth from right: Mr. Yoshiaki Ito, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, Fourth from left: Mr. Mukesh Patel, Founder of the center and President of Indo-Japan Friendship Association, Gujarat)

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Audience tried Karate basics in the Karate workshop held at “Japan Festival 2015” in Ahmedabad, on 17 Jan. 2015

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Origami demonstration and workshop was conducted at “Japan Festival 2015” in Ahmedabad, on 18 Jan. 2015

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BENGALURU



Japan Habba, an Indo-Japan Cultural Exchange Program, was held at Bangalore University on 15 Feb. 2015. The event was presented by Bangalore Nihongo-Kyooshikai, Bangalore Japanese Association, Koyo Nihongo Group, Sakura-kai, Karnataka Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industries, and Consulate of Japan. Japan Habba is an annual festival held in Bengaluru to portray and celebrate the culture, arts and crafts of Japan and India.

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Aikido, Japanese martial arts introduction by Mr. Nobuaki Yamamoto, Consul and Head of Consulate, at the venue of Japan Habba

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A quiz show for high school students was held at the venue of Japan Habba, chaired by Mr. Hiroshi Yoshino, Director, the University of Tokyo India Office

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South Asia Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) 8th Annual Meeting held in New Delhi (March 14, 2015)

By: Dr. Ashok Jain, President - MOSAI

The South Asia Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) held its 8th annual meeting in New Delhi on March 14, 2015. The Embassy of Japan and The Japan Foundation supported the event, organized by Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI). Presidents of Alumni Associations of Bangladesh (JUAAB), India (MOSAI), Nepal (JUAAN), Pakistan (MAAP) and Sri Lanka (JAGAAS) attended the meeting. Taking note of the expanding opportunities for foreign students to study in Japan, the meeting discussed ways and means to facilitate students from member countries to go to Japan for higher studies.

SAFJUAA Japanese Language Speech Contest was also held during the meeting. National winners from South Asian member countries in the Junior and Senior categories participated in the contest.

Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan to India, was the Chief Guest and, in his inaugural address, highlighted the growing number of companies and Japanese residents in the South Asian Region. Therefore, people-to-people contacts have acquired greater significance. In this context, SAFJUAA plays an important role in promoting cultural understanding between the South Asian region and Japan. Ambassador Yagi also presented the prizes to the winners of the contest in the presence of Mr. Anil Gupta, CEO & MD, NEC Technologies Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan, presenting the prize to a winner of the Japanese Speech Contest



Winners pose for a group photo with the dignitaries

India-Japan Education Summits in New Delhi and Hyderabad - Student Recruitment and Collaboration with Japanese Universities - February 2015

By: Embassy of Japan in India

The India-Japan Education Summit, bringing together Japanese universities, students, parents, educators, and distinguished speakers, took place in New Delhi and the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H) Campus, on February 2 and February 4, 2015, respectively. There was a good turnout with 571 participants attending the event in New Delhi and 327 participants attending the one in IIT-H.

Higher education counseling

10 leading Japanese universities offering degree and non-degree programs taught in English set up counseling booths at both events, where professors and admissions staff interacted with students and visitors. Additionally, the Embassy of Japan, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provided information on scholarships, internship programs and support services for international students in Japan.



At the counseling booth of The University of Tokyo



Japanese hi-tech

The Summit showcased Japanese high technology by adopting Shinkansen (high speed trains) as the theme for the event. Mr. Nobukazu NAGAI, Director, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport & Tourism, Railway Bureau, Government of Japan, delivered the keynote speech on high speed railway technology.

Informative seminar program

Keynote Speech by Mr. Nagai (MLIT)

Distinguished academics and business leaders provided insights on the value of education in Japan, and representatives from a wide range of Japanese multinational companies talked about careers and internship opportunities in their organizations. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan, Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi, and Prof. U.B. Desai, Director, IIT Hyderabad, were the chief guests at the summit.

A robotics workshop organized by LS Learning Systems Japan made the day-long events much more attractive. Around 320 high school students in New Delhi and 120 in Hyderabad enjoyed the workshop.



Vice Chancellor Dinesh Singh



H.E. Ambassador Yagi



Prof. U. B. Desai

(All photos credit: The University of Tokyo - India office)

Exploring Japan: Cherry Blossoms in Japan

Cherry blossoms viewing is a national favourite pastime in spring in Japan. The gardens abound with many varieties of flowering trees and are usually filled with families and friends enjoying a picnic under the falling petals.

To see more pictures or find information about travelling in Japan, visit the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) website <http://www.jnto.go.jp/>. You can also download the '2015 Desktop Calendar: Timeless Scenery of Japan' from <http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/wallpaper/2015/index.html>.



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