

Personal History and Accomplishments of Mr. N. K. Singh, Former Member of Rajya Sabha

Decoration: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star

Services: Contributed to strengthening relations and promoting mutual understanding between Japan and India

Mr. N. K. Singh joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1964. Mr. Singh was posted to the Embassy of India in Tokyo, Japan, as Minister - Economic and Commercial Affairs, from 1981 to 1985. He has been a Member of the Rajya Sabha, Secretary - Expenditure, Secretary - Revenue, and Member of the Planning Commission. He contributed to developing the economic relations between Japan and India, and has been actively engaged in promoting Japan's investments to India for decades, and advising on policy changes to make India an attractive investment destination.

Mr. N. K. Singh has also made significant contributions to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and India, through various seminars and prominent forums. Especially, Mr. Singh played a key role in the successful implementation of Japan-India Symposiums which were held from 2003 to 2007. As the panelist and co-chair of the Symposiums, he strongly advocated the necessity of expanding cooperation between the two countries. In addition, as a member of the Japan-India-US Track 2 Strategic Dialogue, he contributed to broadening the cooperation between Japan and India.

As a member of the Nalanda Mentor Group (currently a member of the Governing Board of the Nalanda University), Mr. Singh has contributed to the expansion of the fields of cooperation between Japan and India, through Nalanda University. Furthermore, he, as a Member, Senior Advisory Board, International High-Speed Railway Association, has played a significant role towards the promotion of international cooperation and general understanding of the High-Speed Railway System.