

Press Release

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Conferral of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, upon Mr. Onkar S. Kanwar

On 3rd November, 2018, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2018 Autumn Imperial Decorations. Mr. Onkar S. Kanwar is among this year's foreign recipients and, in recognition of his contributions to strengthening the economic relations between Japan and India and promoting Japanese companies' entry into the Indian market, Mr. Kanwar will receive the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star.

- Order of Decoration: Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
- Service: Strengthening the economic relations between Japan and India and promoting Japanese companies's entry into the Indian market
- Major Positions Held:
 - Chairman of India-Japan Business Cooperation Committee, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), 2005–Present
 - Chairman & Managing Director of Apollo Tyres Ltd., 2002–Present
 - Chairman of FICCI, 2004–2005

Summary of Mr. Kanwar's Contributions

Mr. Onkar S. Kanwar has served as Chairman of FICCI India-Japan Business Cooperation Committee since 2005. Mr. Kanwar actively participated in the discussions that led to the conclusion of the Japan-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). Through the convening of regular joint meetings on business cooperation with the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI), Mr. Kanwar has tremendously contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and India and Japanese private investment to India.

As Chairman of Apollo Tyres Ltd., Mr. Kanwar has supported the entry of Japanese automotive industries into the Indian market and their market expansion by supplying compatible quality tyres to Japanese manufacturers. Currently, Mr. Kanwar is introducing Total Quality Management (TQM) and other Japanese philosophies to his corporate management.

As it delivers the announcement, the Embassy of Japan in India renders homage to Mr. Kanwar's long years of service.