



# Japan Calling

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Japan-India Summit Meeting in Brisbane, Australia, where Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe, and Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, attended the G20 Summit (November 14, 2014)

*(Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office, Government of Japan)*

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# Japan-India Summit Meeting in Brisbane, Australia



(Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office, Japan)

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held a summit meeting with H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, on November 14, in Brisbane, Australia, where the two leaders had gone to attend the G20 Summit. The overview of the meeting is as follows:

## 1 OPENING REMARKS

Prime Minister Abe stated that the Japan-India strategic cooperative partnership had been elevated to a “special” partnership since Prime Minister Modi’s visit to Japan in September this year. In response, Prime Minister Modi expressed his gratitude for the hospitality he received in Japan and stated that the elevation of the Japan-India Strategic and Global Partnership to a “special” status gave a big impact not only to within the two countries, but also to the world.

## 2 BILATERAL RELATIONS

### (1) Politics and Security

Prime Minister Abe expressed his hope that the meeting between defense ministers of Japan and India would be held at an early date. The two leaders also shared the view on the holding of the secretary-level 2 plus 2 dialogue at an early date and on the promotion of the discussion regarding cooperation for the US-2 amphibian aircraft among others.

### (2) Economy and Economic Cooperation

#### (i) Japan-India financial cooperation

Prime Minister Abe welcomed the holding of the financial cooperation dialogue between Japan and India with the participation of both public and private sectors on financial cooperation and stated that he wanted to push forward the consideration of cooperation between Japan and India with a view to promoting investment in infrastructure in Asia.

#### (ii) Improvement of the business environment

Prime Minister Abe said that he wanted to continue to cooperate with India toward achieving their common goal of doubling Japan’s direct investment and the number of Japanese companies in India. He stated that he highly appreciated the launch of Japan Plus and strongly hoped that it would function effectively. In response, Prime Minister Modi said that he takes control of Japan Plus and good effect can be expected from it.

#### (iii) Other items

Prime Minister Abe expressed his hope that the high speed railway between Mumbai and Ahmedabad would become the first case in which Japan’s Shinkansen system is introduced in India. He also requested support for high efficiency and low carbonization of coal-fired power generation, which is the key to addressing climate change and promoting economic development. In response, Prime Minister Modi expressed his hope for Japan’s flexible support for the Shinkansen system and the Ahmedabad Metro.



### 3 REGIONAL AFFAIRS, GLOBAL CHALLENGES

(1) Prime Minister Abe stated that he wanted to add to Japan-India relations a standpoint of contributing to the stability and development of "Indo-Pacific" and also mentioned that he attached importance to Japan-U.S.-India and Japan-Australia-India cooperation. Prime Minister Modi expressed his approval for this.

(2) Prime Minister Abe explained the recent development in Japan-China relations including the Japan-China Summit Meeting held on November 10, and Japan's basic position of working to build stable bilateral relations. Regarding Japan-Russia relations, Prime Minister Abe explained the overview of the Japan-Russia Summit Meeting in Beijing.

(3) Regarding North Korea, Prime Minister Abe explained Japan's consistent position of aiming for a comprehensive resolution to the various issues, including nuclear, missile, and abductions issues. He also explained the current situation of Japan-North Korea relations including the recent dispatch of government officials to Pyongyang in relation to the abductions issue. Further, Prime

Minister Abe requested support for the Resolution on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(4) Also, Prime Minister Abe stated that looking ahead to the 70th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations, Japan wanted to further strengthen cooperation with India to achieve concrete results. Prime Minister Modi expressed his support for this.

(5) With regard to the WTO, Prime Minister Abe stated that he appreciated India's decision toward maintaining and strengthening a multilateral trade system and that he wanted to make the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) a comprehensive and high-level agreement. In response, Prime Minister Modi said that with regard to trade agreements, he hoped to cooperate with related countries in order to help address the concerns held by countries such as India.

(6) Prime Minister Abe said that he hoped to make the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction successful with the participation of Prime Minister Modi in the conference. In response, Prime Minister Modi said that India intended to cooperate on this.

## Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attends G20 Brisbane Summit

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attended the G20 Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy, which was held in Brisbane, Australia, on November 15-16, 2014.

Strengthening growth and creating jobs was positioned as the top priority of this Summit, and the leaders conducted a frank exchange of views on specific actions to achieve this. The G20 Leaders' Communique was adopted at the Leaders' Summit's conclusion.

Additionally, along with the Leaders' Communique, the "Brisbane Action Plan" for lifting the collective GDP level of the G20 by at least an additional 2% by 2018 and a "Comprehensive Growth Strategy" for each of the G20 countries was announced. Moreover, with regards to the urgent issue of the Ebola outbreak, a G20 Leaders' Statement was delivered on the first day of the Summit.

*For detailed information, please visit*

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/page23e\\_000355.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/page23e_000355.html)



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



## Prime Minister Abe participates in the 69th Session of United Nations General Assembly



(Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office, Japan)

Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, visited New York from September 22 to 26, 2014, to attend the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. During his visit, the Prime Minister delivered an address at the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly and also a speech at the UN Climate Summit. *(Complete text of PM Abe's address at the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly is available at: [http://www.mofa.go.jp/jp/unp\\_a/page24e\\_000057.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/jp/unp_a/page24e_000057.html)).*

In his address, Prime Minister Abe introduced the history of Japan as a peace loving nation and its contribution to the UN and to international society after World War II, and stressed that Japan would make further international contributions based on the ideas of "proactive contribution to peace" and "human security," while inheriting the pledge made by Japan's previous administrations never to wage war.

At the UN Climate Session, Prime Minister Abe described Japan's contribution plan that includes the three pillars of 1) assistance to developing countries, 2) technological innovation and diffusion, and 3) contribution to international frameworks. Moreover, Prime Minister Abe co-chaired the Resilience Session, one of the sessions of the Climate Summit, and communicated to the world the efforts being made by Japan as a disaster risk reduction leading country.

During his stay, Prime Minister Abe met with the leaders of Iran, Mongolia, Egypt, France, Panama, Australia, Iraq, and Qatar, and also with H. E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly; Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; and Mr. Joe Biden, Vice President of the United States.

## Japanese Decoration bestowed upon Former Indian Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh

On November 3, 2014, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2014 Autumn Imperial Decorations. Among 57 foreign recipients was His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh, former Prime Minister of India, upon whom the Government of Japan decided to bestow the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers, in recognition of his significant



contributions to the enhancement of relations and the promotion of friendship between Japan and India for about 35 years.

On November 5, 2014, Dr. Singh attended the ceremony of Imperial Conferment of Decoration and was given an audience by His Majesty the Emperor at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers is a high level National Order rarely awarded to those who are recognized for their distinguished contributions. Dr. Manmohan Singh is the first Indian recipient of this Order.

Prime Minister Abe hosted the Japan-African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) Summit Roundtable and a summit meeting with Pacific island nations and attended the United Nations High-level Meeting on the Response to the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak, the Summit Meeting on UN Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), and the Clinton Global Initiative 2014 Annual Meeting.

In addition to the above, the Prime Minister delivered an address at the Japan investment seminar, attended the Washoku Style Reception, and met with women leaders in the U.S., professors and students of Columbia University, members of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), representatives from the financial sector, and Japanese staff of the United Nations.

*More information on the above is available at [http://www.mofa.go.jp/jp/unp\\_a/page18e\\_000106.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/jp/unp_a/page18e_000106.html)*



## Japan's Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism visits India

Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, Mr. Akihiro Ohta, visited India from September 22 to 24, 2014. During his visit, Minister Ohta met with high-ranking Indian dignitaries including then Railways Minister, H.E. Mr. Sadananda Gowda, Urban Development Minister, H.E. Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, H.E. Mr. Nitin Gadkari, and then Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism and Culture, H.E. Mr. Shripad Naik, and exchanged views with them on the two countries' cooperative relationship in the areas related to infrastructure and tourism.



Minister Ohta called on then Railways Minister, H.E. Mr. Sadananda Gowda



Minister Ohta met Urban Development Minister, H.E. Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu



Minister Ohta met with Minister of Road Transport and Highways, H.E. Mr. Nitin Gadkari



Minister Ohta called on then Minister of State for Tourism and Culture, H.E. Mr. Shripad Naik



Minister Ohta and his delegation meeting with the Indian dignitaries



## Indian Air Force Chief visits Japan



*(All photos courtesy: Japan Air Self-Defense Force)*

The Chief of Air Staff of India, Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha, made a four-day visit to Japan beginning October 21, 2014, to participate in the Air Chief's Dialogue in Japan (ACDJ), held as part of the 60th anniversary celebrations of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF).

During his visit, Air Chief Marshal Raha paid courtesy calls on Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Defense Minister Akinori Eto, and

Chief of Staff - JASDF, Gen. Harukazu Saitoh. During the Symposium on the 'Future of Air Power and Science & Technology and Tasks of Future Air Force for Stabilisation of Asia Pacific Region', the Indian Chief of Air Staff interacted with the Air Chiefs of Australia, Indonesia, Vietnam, United Kingdom and Commander - Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) of USA. The Air Chief also visited the Hyakuri Air Base for an Air Review.

## Japan-India Cadets Exchange



Japanese cadets (centre) from Japan's National Defense Academy visiting India on the Cadets Exchange Program (National Defence Academy, Pune - October 2014)

*(Photo: Embassy of Japan, India)*



Indian cadets (centre) from India's National Defence Academy visiting Japan on the Cadets Exchange Program (National Defence Academy, Yokosuka, Japan - October 2014)

*(Photo: National Defense Academy, Japan)*



## A Special Team “Japan Plus” established by the Government of India

On October 8, 2014, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India announced that it has established a special team named “Japan Plus,” based on the agreement concluded at the Japan-India summit meeting in September 2014. The team consists of four officials from the Indian government and two officials from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), and it will play the roles of providing support for Japanese enterprises in overcoming the challenges they are facing in India as well as facilitating Japan's investment in India through a fast-track approach.

### 1. Japan Plus's roles

The team will support the entire spectrum of investment promotion in India, including research and aftercare, and also will provide information on investment opportunities across sectors, in specific projects and in industrial corridors in particular. In addition, the team will play another role of identifying prospective Japanese enterprises, including SMEs, and encouraging them to invest in India.

Furthermore, the team will support the Indian government's efforts for encouraging Japanese enterprises to invest in the country through a fast-track approach, will specify bottlenecks in the fields in which Japanese enterprises are interested, and will analyze the possible impacts caused by such challenges on India's industrial development,



The Japan Plus team members

(Photo: Japan Plus)

thereby supporting various services provided by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India.

### 2. Organization and contact offices of Japan Plus

The team will be coordinated by Mr. Kenichiro Toyofuku from METI and will comprise of four Indian government officials and two METI officials.

*In addition, the team can be reached at the following email addresses: [japanplus@nic.in](mailto:japanplus@nic.in) or [k.toyofuku@nic.in](mailto:k.toyofuku@nic.in)*

(Source: [http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2014/1010\\_03.html](http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2014/1010_03.html))

## Conference on Regional Integration in the Indo-Pacific held in Delhi



Union Commerce Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman delivered an inaugural address



Ambassador Yagi participated in the ORF Conference

An international conference on "Regional integration in the Indo-Pacific: Prospects and Challenges" organized by The Observer Research Foundation (ORF) was held on 24 November in New Delhi. An Inaugural Address was delivered by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Commerce Minister. A number of prominent academicians from Australia, India, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore and the US participated in the conference and presented their views on a wide range of issues. From Japan, Prof. Akihiko Tanaka, President, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Dr. Kumiko Haba, Aoyama Gakuin University, Dr. Masahiro Akiyama, President, The Tokyo Foundation, and Prof. Tomohiko Taniguchi, Keio University Graduate School, attended the conference. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan, made a brief address on the occasion.



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## Joint Meeting of Japan-India Business Cooperation Committee held



39th Joint Meeting of India-Japan Business Cooperation Committee, on November 17

A high-level business mission from Japan, led by Mr. Masami Iijima, Chairman, Japan-India Business Cooperation Committee (JIBCC) and Chief Executive Officer and President of Mitsui & Co. Ltd., held the 39th Joint Meeting with its counterpart at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in New Delhi on November 17, 2014.

JIBCC was established in 1966 to facilitate mutual understanding, friendship and economic relations between Japan and India. Since its first meeting with its counterpart, India-Japan Business Cooperation Committee (IJBCC) in 1967, the Joint Meeting has provided a main forum to exchange views among business leaders of Japan and India for nearly 50 years. The 39th Joint Meeting was the first major business-to-business engagement between Japan and India following Prime Minister Modi's visit to Japan in August-September 2014.

Top Japanese and Indian CEOs exchanged ideas on how the two countries can further strengthen their economic relationship, and discussed ways to promote the bilateral trade and investment under the main themes of "development of smart cities and infrastructure" and



Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan to India, addressing the opening session

"proposals from private sectors of India and Japan toward Modi administration". The joint statement was adopted at the end of the meeting.

Key participants were Mr. Sidharth Birla, President, FICCI, and Chairman Xpro India Limited, Mr. Muneo Kurauchi, Chairman, the Standing Committee of JIBCC, Advisor, the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., Mr. Rohit Relan, Co-Chairman of IJBCC, Managing Director, Bharat Seats Limited, and Mr. Shatrughna Singh, Additional Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan to India, also participated in the event and addressed the opening session of the meeting.

During their visit, the Japanese delegation paid courtesy calls on H.E. Mr. Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, H.E. Mr. Piyush Goyal, Minister of State for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy, H.E. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, and Mr. Ajit Seth, Cabinet Secretary.



Courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, on 18 November



Courtesy call on H.E. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Commerce and Industry, on 18 November

(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India)



# JETRO – Promoting Japan-India Trade and Investment

By: JETRO, New Delhi

Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) is a Japanese government-related organization that works to promote mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world. It has a worldwide network of 38 offices in Japan and more than 73 overseas offices. In India, we started our operations in the year 1966 and currently have offices in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Bengaluru.

We partner with Central and State governments for policy formation and development of industrial infrastructure in various parts of the country. JETRO played an imperative role in supporting Rajasthan government's endeavor of developing a dedicated Japanese industrial zone at Neemrana in Alwar District. Similarly, we are consistently engaged with the State governments of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

JETRO is actively involved in national projects like the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC) projects. Along with working closely with the Indian government on 'Make in India' initiative, 'National Manufacturing Policy' and 'National Policy on Electronics', we create opportunities for business matchmaking between Indian and Japanese business establishments.

On 18th November 2014, JETRO and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized a symposium in New Delhi on the theme "Benefitting from Regional Trade Agreements – India's Manufacturing Growth Holds Key", as India and Japan are part of the RCEP (Regional Comprehensive



Economic Partnership) group - which is negotiating a mega free trade agreement (FTA).

This symposium was aimed at bringing government and industry on the same platform to discuss RCEP, understand each other's views, and to motivate Indian industrialists to take advantage of the trade agreements between the nations.

Around 200 participants, including many distinguished guests, industrialists and journalists participated in the seminar. The main guests were Mr. Hiroyuki Ishige, JETRO Chairman & CEO, Mr. Rajeev Kher, Secretary, Department of Commerce, Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, and Mr. Sunil Kant Munjal, Joint Managing Director, Hero MotoCorp Ltd.

In his speech at the symposium, Mr. Ishige said that the regional supply chain in East Asia, China, ASEAN and India is drastically changing and has tremendous opportunity for all. Specific to India, he said "India has great potential in terms of existence of supplier industry like parts and material, dividend of demography and strategic location with proximity to Middle East, Africa and ASEAN."

In an interview with the Economic Times, Mr. Ishige said, "India must actively participate in RCEP. Outside, perception is that India may not be so positive. If Indian companies want to be part of the global supply chain, they have to be part of RCEP; else international manufacturing system will bypass them."





## Safety, the Environment and Quality: Interview with Dr. Reiko Abe, Japanese Metro Engineer in India

Dr. Reiko Abe is a Japanese civil engineer and Managing Director of Oriental Consultants India Pvt. Ltd., the company overseeing the construction of the on-going Delhi and Bengaluru Metro Rail projects, where she is responsible for construction supervision, quality control and safety management. Dr. Abe's work has been well-known since her photo from a construction site made the cover of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) White Paper 2013, which was published in March 2014 (<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/white/2013/html/index.html>).

Dr. Abe speaks to Japan Calling about her experiences in India since her arrival in 2007.

**1. Dr. Abe, you have been working in Delhi and Bengaluru since 2007. How did you find India when you first came? Have your impressions about the country changed over time? How?**

My first impression was that it was so dark with very few lights around, because it was midnight when I landed at Bengaluru Airport in 2007, as opposed to Japan, where streets are well lit at night. But, over a period of time, it started getting brighter. When I came back to Bengaluru after working in Delhi for three years, I noticed that a lot of progress had been made and Bengaluru had changed so much while I was away.

**2. You have been in charge of quality management of such large-scale construction projects like Delhi Metro and Bengaluru Metro. What were the greatest obstacles and how did you overcome them?**

It is my impression that Indian engineers and managers are keenly interested in new technology, but it seems that aspects like safety, the environment and quality are not their first priority in many construction sites. I believe Indian engineers are very skilled, and it is not difficult for them to master new technology, but sometimes they seem to pay little attention to these three crucial aspects. So, my task was to repeatedly make them realize the importance of these three facets, and gradually they understood and accepted their importance.

**3. Your initiatives on OSV (On Site Visualization) in Delhi and on DMS (Dust Monitoring System) in Bengaluru have been highly appreciated in terms of improving the safety and the environment of the construction sites. What has been the greatest difference you've seen so far before and after these measures were taken?**

The rise in dust or Particulate Matter (PM) is a big problem in India. The safety of construction has become a major concern in India also. Introduction of the concept of OSV was meant to monitor and ensure safety of the surrounding buildings while excavating for construction of stations in downtown areas of the city. Earlier, the engineers were only gathering data related to the settlement or incline of buildings, but not so concerned with monitoring and managing that data. With OSV, we started monitoring the system of buildings by using traffic signals on construction sites. When the signal is green, it means it is safe to work; the yellow light means there is some problem that needs to be fixed; and the red light means it is too dangerous to continue work. We have adequately trained the workers to take appropriate action according to the colour of the signal. This is so simple that everyone understands it, which helps to efficiently monitor and manage the system.



Similarly, with DMS, we can get data related to Particulate Matter, simply by using smartphones. If you take a photo of the air with a smartphone with flash, you can clearly see the dust particles. With a special smartphone app, we can calculate the volume of dust at any given time. It is very convenient and simple. The introduction of these





(All photos credit: Shuhei Fujita)

new technologies resulted in improvement of the work environment in projects, both in Delhi and in Bengaluru. But these technologies are only for monitoring the data; what's more important is its management, which means, training the workers and engineers to interpret that data and use the appropriate kind of dust masks, based on the level of prevailing PM at any given time. It is for the benefit of the workers, to safeguard their health. We also invited medical doctors to explain how

PM can affect their health, and to take preventive action by using correct masks while working. But, just the introduction of technology is not sufficient; it has to be implemented and managed effectively. That is most important.

**4. In Bengaluru, you were the Metro project's Chief Quality Engineer and led a large number of Indian male engineers. What was it like for you to be the leader in such a "male-dominated" work place? Do you see any differences between Indian and Japanese women in terms of their career aspirations?**

In the Bengaluru Metro project, all of the 200 engineers and 40,000 workers were male, and there was only one woman engineer, which was me at the construction site. In the first year, it was quite awkward; whenever I went to the construction site, everybody used to look at me and wonder how this lone woman could ever work there. Initially, I had many problems adjusting to it. For instance, once I admonished a male engineer in a meeting, in front of others. He got very upset, as his pride was hurt. At that moment I understood that, whenever I have to give instructions to a male colleague, I should do it discreetly, one-on-one; not in front of others. But, on some occasions, if I spot someone working in an unsafe way on the construction site, then I immediately ask them to stop, even if it is in front of many others, because it is a matter of their safety.

I am 51 years old now. When I entered my company 25 years ago, the Japanese construction scene was almost like the way it is now in India, with no women in this field. Back then in Japan, my male colleagues did not know how to treat me, and they mostly ignored me. I was not even allowed to enter construction sites for tunnelling, because of a Japanese belief, according to which a goddess lives in the mountain and if another woman enters that site, the goddess would be jealous and the mountain would collapse. But things are changing now. There are more women in construction, I being the first woman in this field. I am sure in future there will be many more. I think that will be remarkable.

Similarly, when I visited the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru to give a lecture there, I saw that many of the Masters students were women. I told them that it may be difficult for them to enter into the construction field, but they can certainly do so if they are determined; they should not wait for change to take place but to push forward to make the change happen.

**5. Please tell us what lies ahead at work in the coming months. What are you most excited about in the on-going project?**

I am interested in the forthcoming projects in India such as the Mumbai Metro, especially because it is a very huge project, completely underground, spanning 32 kilometres. Since Japan has a lot of experience in such underground projects, we can share our technology and management expertise with India. I am also interested in the Ahmedabad Metro as well as the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) project, which is one of the biggest construction projects in the world. Besides these projects, in future, our target is to work on the high-speed railways project in India.

**6. On a personal note, what do you like to do on weekends?**

As I meet so many people every day, on weekends I just prefer to spend some time quietly on my own and enjoy some books with a cup of tea or coffee.



## Updates from Consulates

### Kolkata



Mr. Kazumi Endo, Consul-General of Japan in Kolkata, at the Plant Inauguration Ceremony of Jamshedpur Continuous Annealing & Processing Company Pvt. Ltd. (JCAPCPL), in Jamshedpur, on September 1, 2014

*(Photo credit: JCAPCPL)*



Prof. (Dr.) Subrata Chattopadhyay, Head, Department of Architecture & Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur, inaugurating 'Parallel Nippon: Contemporary Japanese Architecture 1996 ~ 2006' in presence of Mr. Kazumi Endo, Consul-General of Japan in Kolkata, at Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, on November 15, 2014

*(For more information, visit <http://bitmca.org/exhibition.php>)*

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

### Chennai



Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai, lighting the lamp with other guests to inaugurate the KUROSAWA Film Festival, organized by the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai, the Japan Foundation, Indo-Cine Appreciation Foundation, and the Madras Film Society, on 14-19 October 2014, at the MM Preview Theatre, Chennai

*(Photo credit: Consulate General of Japan in Chennai)*



WADAIKO Japanese Drum performance by Bachi Atari-Alternative Wadaiko Unit, organized by the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai, Japan Foundation New Delhi, and ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamil Nadu Centre, on 20 November 2014, at the Music Academy, Chennai

*(Photo credit: Consulate General of Japan in Chennai)*



## Mumbai



Japanese Cultural Exhibition held on 16 October 2014

*(Photo credit: Indo-Japanese Association, Mumbai)*



The 27th West Zone Japanese Language Speech Contest held on 16 November 2014 (Centre: Mr. R.R. Divekar, Chairman of Indo-Japanese Association, Pune; Centre right : Mr. Yoshimitsu Kawata, Acting Consul General/Deputy Chief of Mission, Consulate-General of Japan in Mumbai)

*(Photo credit: Indo-Japanese Association, Pune)*

## Bengaluru



Mr. Nobuaki Yamamoto, Consul and Head of Consulate, met with Ms. A. Srividhya, former President of Bengaluru Japanese Language Teachers' Association, and participants of the JENESYS 2.0 Programme in Bengaluru, on 27 November 2014

*(Photo credit: Consulate of Japan, Bengaluru)*



Ikebana Demonstration by Ms. Yoshiko Ishibashi, the Grand Master of the Ohara School, on 13th November 2014, in Bengaluru

*(Photo credit: Consulate of Japan, Bengaluru)*



## Japanese School, New Delhi, celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Japanese School, New Delhi, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its foundation this year.

The opening ceremony of the school took place on 1st September 1964, with the commencement of its Elementary School in Chanakyapuri. In February 1969, the school moved to a new building in Friends Colony, where it continued to function until August 1991, when the school again moved to a new building in the current location in Vasant Kunj.



On the day of the opening ceremony of the Japanese School in Chanakyapuri, New Delhi (September 1, 1964)

The school opened in 1964 with only 24 elementary school students. Over the five decades, the total number expanded to 276 students from grades 1 through 9, as of April 2014.

One of the highlights in the school's recent history was the visit of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan to the school on December 3, 2013, during Their state visit to India from November 30 to December 6, 2013.



New school building completed in March 2014, coinciding with the School's 50th anniversary

(Photos courtesy: Japanese School, New Delhi)

## An Evening of Japanese Music & Cuisine at India International Centre

A concert of traditional Japanese string instrument *koto* was presented by The Japan Foundation, New Delhi, on October 10, 2014, at the India International Centre (IIC). The event featured Mr. Tomoya Nakai and Ms. Noriko Matsuzaka, talented *koto* players from Japan, who played beautiful tunes ranging from classical masterpieces to contemporary music.

The concert was one of the participating events at 'The IIC Experience: A Festival of the Arts'. Jammu & Kashmir Governor and Life Trustee IIC, Shri N.N. Vohra, attended the concert as the

Chief Guest.

A Japanese food event "Japanese Cuisine - Seasonality and Variety" was also held the same evening at IIC, where various Japanese dishes were served by Kuuraku Restaurant. A wide variety of Japanese cuisine was presented by seasoned chefs, including both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options, such as *miso* soup, *sushi* rolls, *tempura* (seasonal vegetables in Japanese traditional style) and charcoal grilled chicken.





## Exploring Japan: Winter Wonderland

Come visit Japan in winter for a variety of unforgettable scenic beauty the season offers throughout the country. Here are a few snapshots from Japan's picturesque winter wonderland!

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



Dog Sled [Hokkaido Prefecture]

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Ski at Niseko [Hokkaido Prefecture]

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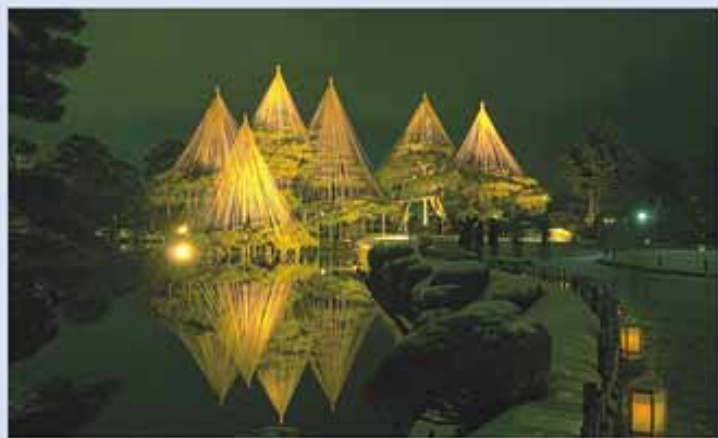
Matsue castle in winter [Shimane Prefecture]

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Sapporo Snow Festival 2012 [Hokkaido Prefecture]

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Kenroku-en Garden in winter [Ishikawa Prefecture]

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## JENESYS 2.0 Get-Together held in the Embassy of Japan

Upon the successful completion of their visit to Japan in May/June 2014 under the JENESYS 2.0 Programme, participants from Indian high schools, universities and other educational institutions were invited to a reunion in the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi, on 21 November 2014.

The participants made presentations about their experiences gained during the visit, recalling their memorable moments in Japan. They also enjoyed reconnecting with each other and interacting with representatives from the Japan Foundation and Japanese universities.



A section of the audience at the JENESYS 2.0 Get-together

On the occasion, Mr. Yasuhisa Kawamura, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy of Japan, made his welcome remarks and wished they will keep long-lasting fond memories and will remain connected.

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