

# Japan Calling

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Mr. Yoichi Miyazawa, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), paid a courtesy call on Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, during his visit to India from April 27 to May 1, 2015

*(Photo: Press Information Bureau, India)*



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe received a courtesy call from the Defence Minister of India, Mr. Manohar Parrikar, at the Prime Minister's Office, on March 30, 2015

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

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# Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Visits India

From April 27 to May 1, 2015, Mr. Yoichi Miyazawa, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), visited India along with representatives from 25 companies and reached agreement with the Indian government on the doubling of Japan's investment in India and the number of Japanese companies expanding into India, concrete actions aimed at further cooperation in the fields of IT and infrastructure, and promotion of economic integration around the Indo-Pacific region from the Asia-Pacific to the Indian Ocean. This is the first high level agreement between the government and private sector of Japan with the Government of India.

## 1. Meeting with Prime Minister Modi



(Photo: Press Information Bureau, India)

Both Ministers agreed to further strengthen Japan Plus to facilitate Japan's investment in India, promote investment by enhancing Japan Industrial Townships, cooperate in the fields of infrastructure, resources, energy, and the environment, and promote economic partnership.

Minister Miyazawa suggested the introduction of Shinkansen system into India's system of high-speed railways and hand-delivered an "action plan" regarding Japan's investment in India by the 25 companies with representatives accompanying Minister Miyazawa, which were very well received by Prime Minister Modi.

## 2. Meeting with key persons from Indian central governments

### (1) Minister Miyazawa and Ms. Sitharaman, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry

At a bilateral meeting with Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, the Ministers exchanged a wide variety of opinions concerning the enhancement of the investment environment for Japanese enterprises, bilateral cooperation in the field of intellectual property aimed at the acceleration of procedures for patent examinations, and aggressive action towards the realization of RCEP, and confirmed that METI and the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry will lead the deepening of the economic relationship between Japan and India.

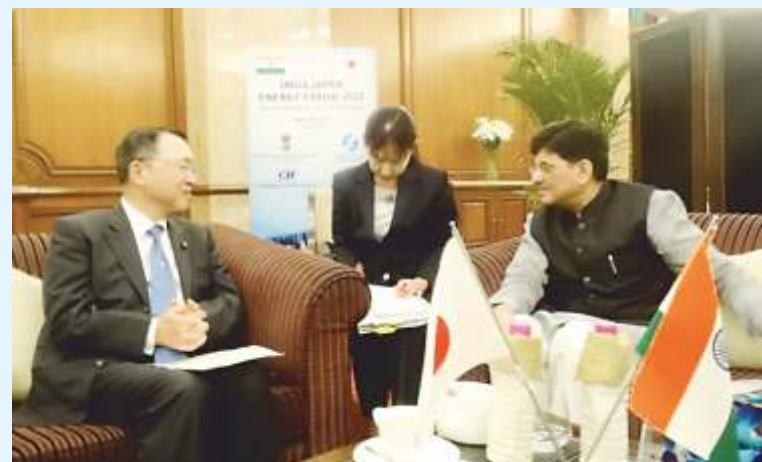
### (2) Minister Miyazawa and Mr. Prasad, Minister of Communications and Information Technology



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At a bilateral meeting with Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, both sides agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation in the IT and electronics industries and promote the active use of Indian IT human resources by Japanese companies and concluded a memorandum concerning the "New development of Japan-India Information Technology Cooperation."

### (3) Minister Miyazawa and Mr. Goyal, Minister of State for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy



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At the bilateral meeting with Mr. Piyush Goyal, Minister of State for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy, the two Ministers agreed that the Japan-India Energy Dialogue, for which Minister Miyazawa and his Indian counterpart Minister Goyal are to serve as co-chairs, would be held in Japan this year, in order to deepen the cooperative relationship between Japan and India in the field of energy. In addition, they agreed that, as for coal-fired thermal power, promotion of further efficiency is most important in light of measures against global warming, and that Japanese technology could contribute to that in India.

**(4) Minister Miyazawa and Mr. Pradhan, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas**



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At the bilateral meeting with Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, the two Ministers agreed to promote cooperation in areas such as the joint procurement of LNG and research on methane hydrate in the field of petroleum and natural gas, and the importance of requiring more flexible destination clauses in contracts concerning the procurement of LNG.

**3. Meeting with Mr. Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP)**

Based on the memorandum concluded between the state and METI in November 2014, the two Ministers confirmed that they would promote projects in the fields of electricity infrastructure, industrial investment, and urban development. In addition, Minister Miyazawa hand-delivered a Japanese proposal concerning the project for the development of a new AP state capital to Chief Minister Naidu. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Naidu expressed great expectation with regard to the participation of the Japanese government and Japanese companies in industrial development and the development of a new AP state capital.



Minister Miyazawa hand-delivered a Japanese proposal to Mr. Naidu, Chief Minister of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh

**4. The India-Japan Public-Private Investment & Trade Promotion Policy Dialogue**



Minister Miyazawa, 25 Japanese enterprises that accompanied the Minister, Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, relevant ministries of India, state governments, and Indian enterprises were brought together to exchange views on a wide range of themes including the promotion of investment and trade, and representatives of the Japanese enterprises that accompanied the Minister made positive comments on the expectations for the markets in India and the importance of improvements in the business environment. Also, it was agreed that this Dialogue would become an annual event in the future.

**5. Signing of a Joint Statement**

The two Ministers signed the Action Agenda for India-Japan Investment and Trade Promotion and Indo-Pacific Economic Integration. The Action Agenda included mutual approval of the following points:



Minister Miyazawa and Ms. Sitharaman, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, at a signing ceremony of the Action Agenda for India-Japan Investment and Trade Promotion and Indo-Pacific Economic Integration

1) The identification of 11 candidate sites for Japan Industrial Townships and initiation of the Japan Industrial Township Advance Soft Skills Development Project, 2) investment promotion and acceleration of development of infrastructure, 3) new development in the cooperation between the IT & electronics industries of both countries, 4) strengthening of cooperation with strategic states in India, and 5) promotion of Indo-Pacific Economic Integration were approved by both sides in the Action Agenda.

### 6. Speech at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)



At IIT Delhi, which produces world-class IT engineers, Minister Miyazawa discussed the importance of developing human resources from among the younger generations of people in both countries and the interaction between human resources with Director Prof. R. K. Shevgaonkar in order to promote the proactive use of high-level Indian IT human resources by Japanese companies. Minister Miyazawa also explained the attractiveness of Japan and the globalized situation of Japanese companies and conducted high-level recruitment of IT human resources by promoting employment at Japanese companies, at a presentation for graduate students at IIT Delhi.

### 7. India-Japan Energy Forum



At the India-Japan Energy Forum, Minister Miyazawa welcomed the fact that India was planning to aggressively invest in energy infrastructure under the initiative called Modinomics, and also expressed that it was important for both nations, which are high energy consuming nations, to promote clean coal technology, electric power system stabilization technology, and energy-saving technology through public-private partnerships.

### 8. India-Japan IT-BPM Business Forum

At the IT-BPM Business Forum, Minister Miyazawa stressed that decisions made by companies' top management were the key to practical use of Indian IT by Japanese companies.

## Defence Minister of India Visits Japan



Defence Minister of India, Mr. Manohar Parrikar, shaking hands with his Japanese counterpart, Mr. Gen Nakatani, during a Defence Ministerial Meeting of the two countries, on 30 March 2015, in Tokyo.

*(Photo: Ministry of Defence, Government of India)*

The Defence Minister of India, Mr. Manohar Parrikar, paid a bilateral visit to Japan from 29 March to 1 April 2015, at the invitation of the Minister of Defense of Japan, Mr. Gen Nakatani. The two Ministers held a Defence Ministerial Meeting on March 30, 2015 in Tokyo.

The meeting was held in a constructive, friendly and forward looking atmosphere. The two Ministers briefed each other on the security environment surrounding each country and their respective defence policies. They reviewed strategic developments relating to international security situation with emphasis on the inter-connected Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions. They were of the view that in the inter-connected Indo-Pacific region, India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership has a key role in maintaining peace and stability in the region. Minister Nakatani briefed on Japan's recent efforts related to Japan's security policy. Minister Parrikar appreciated the detailed briefing.

The two Ministers welcomed the progress made in bilateral defence exchanges following the signing of Memorandum of Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defence during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Japan in September 2014 and emphasized the need to further strengthen and elevate bilateral defence relations. They appreciated on-going maritime cooperation as exemplified by bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercises and participation of Japan Maritime Self Defense Force in India-US Joint Naval Exercises "Malabar 14" in July 2014, which was held off the coast of Japan.

The two Defence Ministers noted the progress made in discussion in the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Defence Equipment and Technology Cooperation (JWG-DETC). They were of the view that India and Japan have the potential in the area of defence equipment and technology cooperation, which can emerge as a key pillar of bilateral defence relations. They exchanged views on potential projects for cooperation in this area and emphasized the need to pursue mutually beneficial future cooperation projects.

In order to further enhance the cooperative relations in India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the defence authorities, the two



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

Ministers shared views to conduct cooperation and exchanges, including:

- i. Continue the high-level exchanges including the Ministerial meeting on an annual basis;
  - a) The Defense Minister of Japan will visit India in 2016.
  - b) Hold the 4th Vice-Minister/Defence Secretary level Defence Policy Dialogue and the 3rd Vice-Minister/Secretary level "2 plus 2" dialogue in Delhi at the beginning of April, 2015.
  - c) Visits by Service Chiefs on reciprocal basis.
- ii. Continue to promote exchanges on UN Peacekeeping Operations between Centre for UN Peacekeeping (CUNPK) of the Indian Army and Japan Peacekeeping Training and Research Center (JPC) of Joint Staff College, Central Readiness Force (CRF) of Japan Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF);
- iii. Continue to conduct bilateral exercises between Japan Maritime Force's and Indian Navy on a regular basis;
- iv. Conduct expert exchanges in Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief and Counter Terrorism between both Indian Army and Japan Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF);
- v. Conduct staff talks, professional exchanges of test-pilots between Japan Air-Self Force and Indian Air Force and exchanges between their air transport squadrons; and
- vi. Enhance discussions on future cooperation in defence equipment and technology.

Minister Parrikar thanked Minister Nakatani for the gracious welcome and hospitality extended to him and members of the Indian delegation during his visit to Japan.

Minister Parrikar also paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe, on March 30, 2015, and had a meeting with the Foreign Minister of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida, on March 31, 2015.

## Address by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the Asian-African Summit 2015



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

On April 22, 2015, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attended the Summit Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Asian African Conference 1955 (Bandung Conference,) held in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia.

Prime Minister Abe gave a speech at the conference (complete text given below):

Let me first extend my heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency President Joko Widodo and all those involved in Indonesia for successfully hosting this entire gathering to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Bandung Conference.

It makes me proud to stand here representing a nation that is a member of the group of Asian and African countries.

### **Live and Let Live**

"Live and let live." This is what President Soekarno said. And this pledge representing the Bandung spirit is still common to us now, 60 years later.

Since ancient times, Asia and Africa have given birth to, and spread throughout the rest of the world, a variety of ideas and religions. The spirit of generosity, one that cherishes diversity among us, is an important common asset we should be proud of.

In keeping with this same spirit, it was our friends in Asia and Africa who propelled Japan after the Second World War to make possible our reentry into the international community. To those friends of ours, let me take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude.

History made it inevitable, one could say, for those countries gathered here three score years ago to show their strong unity, since our forefathers then had a common wish, a wish for peace.

### **Let's Tackle Them Together**

And now, as we again gather in the same place, we share a great many more common risks than we did sixty years ago.

We should never allow to go unchecked the use of force by the mightier to twist the weaker around. The wisdom of our forefathers in Bandung was that the rule of law should protect the

dignity of sovereign nations, be they large or small.

Despicable terrorism is becoming widespread throughout the world. We must give no haven to terrorists anywhere in the world.

National borders are meaningless in the face of infectious diseases or natural disasters. Climate change has exposed fragile island nations to the risk of not surviving, or of even disappearing. No single nation alone can solve such problems.

Let us tackle them together.

Once again, we must show our strong unity to the rest of the world.

### **Japan's Resolve**

Japan is resolved, in these circumstances, to continue to do its utmost from now on, just as it has thus far.

"Refraining from acts or threats of aggression or the use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any country."

"Settlement of all international disputes by peaceful means...."

Those are some of the principles Bandung affirmed. And Japan, with feelings of deep remorse over the past war, made a pledge to remain a nation always adhering to those very principles throughout, no matter what the circumstances.

Japan also resolved that among Asian and African countries seeking peace and prosperity under those Bandung principles, we should stand at the forefront.

Hence started our journey. It brought us first to India sixty years ago, where we perspired together with local farmers to build their capacities on how to operate farm machines. It also took us to Sri Lanka, where, together with the local people, we fought against an epidemic troubling livestock farmers.

And then the journey took us to Africa, where we have been sharing with the local people both the work ethic and the wisdom found in our manufacturing, proudly developed on our factory shop floors. The idea of kaizen has taken root in Ethiopia, where a workshop with that very name has greatly improved labor productivity.

In 1993, Japan launched the TICAD process, inviting heads of state from Africa over to Japan. That is a forum where we discuss our future with each other.

Sixty years have brought our calendar full circle and have made the world landscape dramatically different.

Now it is Asia, and it is also Africa, more than anywhere else, where you find the spirit of growth in the breeze, together with the rich soil of dynamic growth potential.

I say to you that Asian and African nations are no longer Japan's aid recipients. They are Japan's partners for growth.

Next year's TICAD meeting will be the first to take place on the soil of Africa, which is so full of energy. Whether we build up human capacities or infrastructure, all will be an investment into the future.

### **Let's Prosper Together**

Let us prosper together.

The frontiers of Asia and Africa are limitless.

We must build a market that is open and dynamic. We must turn that market, or that frontier, into soil that promises prosperity for our children and our grandchildren. The TPP, the RCEP and the FTAAP-- in my view will all eventually head toward Africa.

Traction for growth is always found in people. The diversity of people in any country must be harnessed to become an engine, and never a distraction, for powerful growth. Japan stands behind the empowerment of women. Hand in hand with the young and ambitious in Asia and Africa, we will foster them into a generation that will shoulder their countries' industrial development.

Japan's resolve is to turn growth in Asia and Africa into an enduring, not ephemeral, event. With that resolve in mind, over the next five years, we are going to help as many as three hundred and fifty thousand people throughout the region acquire technology expertise and industrial knowledge.

### **Conclusion**

Ladies and gentlemen, the variety among our countries is manifold. Our political systems differ. Our levels of economic development are not the same. Our cultures are distinct from one another. No one society looks the same as any other.

Still, sixty years ago, President Soekarno called on the delegates that had gathered to think about the following.

"What harm is in diversity, when there is unity in desire?"

Indeed, we face a whole host of risks in common. The fact, once recognized, should bind us easily in this "unity in diversity."

To cite President Soekarno once again, "we Asians and Africans must be united" to solve the diverse range of difficulties as we face today.

Let us all cherish our rich diversity. And let us together build peace and prosperity, shall we not, for our children, and for our children's children.

Thank you very much.

## Toward an Alliance of Hope

### **The Trans-Pacific Partnership's strategic value extends far beyond the economic benefits it promises**

*By: Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan*

At World War II's close in the Pacific, we Japanese, with feelings of deep remorse, embarked on the path of rebuilding and renewing our country. Our predecessors' actions brought great suffering to Asia's peoples, and we must never avert our eyes from that. I uphold the views expressed by Japan's previous prime ministers in this regard.

Given this recognition and remorse, we Japanese have believed for decades that we must do all that we can to contribute to Asia's development. We must spare no effort in working for the region's peace and prosperity.

I am proud of the path that we have taken, but we did not walk that path alone. Seventy years ago, Japan had been reduced to ashes, and each and every month, citizens of the United States sent and brought gifts like milk for our children, warm sweaters, and even goats. Yes, 2,036 American goats came to Japan in the years right after the war.

Former enemies had become close friends.

And it was Japan that benefited earliest from the postwar international system that the US fostered by opening up its own market and calling for a liberal world economy. From the 1980s onward, we have seen the rise of the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, the ASEAN countries, and, before long, China—all taking the path of economic development enabled by the open world order created by the US.

Japan, to be sure, did not stand idly by; it poured in capital and technologies to support these countries' growth. Both the US and Japan fostered prosperity—the seedbed for peace—in the region. Today, the US and Japan recognise that they must continue to take the lead in fostering a rules-based international economic order—fair, dynamic, and sustainable—within which all countries can flourish, free from the arbitrary intentions of any national government.

In the world's great growth centre, the Pacific market, we cannot overlook sweatshops or environmental burdens.

Nor can we simply allow free-riders to weaken intellectual property. Instead, we must spread and nurture our shared values: the rule of law, democracy, and freedom.

That is exactly what the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is all

about. The TPP's strategic value extends far beyond the economic benefits it promises. It is also about turning an area that accounts for 40% of the world economy and one-third of global trade into a region of lasting peace and prosperity for our children and theirs. As for US-Japan negotiations, the goal is near. Let us bring the TPP to a successful conclusion through our joint leadership.

I know how difficult this path has been. Twenty years ago, I myself opposed opening Japan's agricultural market. I even joined farmers' representatives in a rally in front of Japan's Diet.

But Japan's agriculture sector has declined over the last two decades. Our farmers' average age has increased by ten years, to more than 66. If our agriculture sector is to survive, we must follow through on sweeping reforms, including to our agricultural cooperatives, which have not changed in 60 years.

Change is coming to Japanese business, too. Corporate governance in Japan is now fully in line with global standards because we made it stronger. And I am spearheading regulatory overhauls in such sectors as medicine and energy as well.

Moreover, I am determined to do whatever it takes to reverse the decline in Japan's labour force. We are changing some of our old habits; in particular, we are empowering women to become more actively engaged in all walks of life.

In short, Japan is in the midst of a far-reaching transition to a more open future. We are determined to press ahead with the structural reforms needed to succeed.

But reform requires the continuation of the peace and security that is the bequest of US leadership. My grandfather, Nobusuke Kishi, chose the path of democracy and alliance with the US when he was prime minister in the 1950s.



Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

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



Together with the US and other like-minded democracies, we won the Cold War. I intend to stick to that path; indeed, there is no alternative to it.

Our two countries need to make every effort to strengthen our ties. This is why I support America's strategic “rebalancing” to enhance peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region. Japan will support this effort first, last, and throughout.

Japan is doing so by deepening its strategic relations with Australia and India, and we are enhancing our cooperation with the ASEAN countries and the Republic of Korea. Adding these partners to the central pillar of the US-Japan alliance will strengthen stability throughout the region. And now Japan will provide up to \$2.8 billion dollars to help improve US bases on Guam, which will have even greater strategic significance in the future.

Regarding Asia's ongoing maritime disputes, let me underscore my government's three principles. First, states must stake their territorial claims on the basis of international law. Second, they must not use force or coercion to press their claims. And, third, they must settle all disputes by peaceful means.

We must make the vast seas stretching from the Pacific to the Indian Oceans a zone of peace and freedom, where all adhere to the rule of law. For this reason, too, it is our responsibility to fortify the US-Japan alliance.

That is why we are working hard to enhance the legislative foundations of our security. These enhanced legislative foundations should make cooperation between the US military and Japan's Self-Defense Forces even stronger, and the alliance still more solid, providing credible deterrence in the service of peace in the region. Once these legal changes—the most sweeping in our post-war history—are in place by this summer, Japan will be better able to provide a seamless response for all levels of crisis.

The new Defense Cooperation Guidelines between the US and Japan will serve the same purpose, and help secure peace in the region for years to come.

Finally, Japan is ever more willing to bear its global responsibilities. In the early 1990s, Japan's Self-Defense Forces removed mines in the Persian Gulf. For ten years in the Indian Ocean, we supported US operations to stop the flow of terrorists and arms. In Cambodia, the Golan Heights, Iraq, Haiti, and South Sudan, members of our Self-Defense Forces provided humanitarian support and participated in peace-keeping operations. Some 50,000 service men and women have participated in those activities thus far.

Japan's agenda is simple and straightforward: reform at home and proactive contributions to global peace based on the principle of international cooperation. It is an agenda that promises to lead Japan—and Asia—into a more stable and prosperous future.

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## Japan Participates in the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting

The G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held in Lubeck, Germany, on April 14-15, 2015, where the Foreign Ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the High Representative of the European Union, gathered to address a number of major international issues that impact global peace and security. Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs, attended the meeting from Japan.

During the meeting, the G7 leaders expressed their commitment to stand united in responding to some of the most pressing issues in the world. Guided by their shared values and principles, including democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights, they reiterated their determination to employ coordinated efforts and action to uphold freedom, peace and territorial integrity, and to tackle challenges including terrorism, social instability as well as new types of security threats such as the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease.

After the meeting, 'the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting Communiqué', 'the G7 Foreign Ministers' Declaration on Maritime Security', 'Beyond Ebola: a G7 agenda to help prevent future crises and enhance security in Africa' and 'the G7 Statement on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament', respectively, were released.

(More information is available at: [http://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/pc/page3e\\_000322.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/pc/page3e_000322.html))



Mr. Kishida (1st from right) attends the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Lubeck



Mr. Kishida (3rd from left) with his counterparts from G7 countries, in Lubeck



Mr. Fumio Kishida (right), Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, with Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal Foreign Minister of Germany, in Lubeck

(Photos: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

## Rajasthan Chief Minister Visits Japan



Ms. Vasundhara Raje, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, made a courtesy call on Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, on April 6, 2015

*(Photo: Department of Information & Public Relations, Government of Rajasthan)*

The Chief Minister of the State of Rajasthan in India, Ms. Vasundhara Raje, visited Japan from April 4 to 8, 2015. During her visit, she had meetings with Japanese entrepreneurs with an aim to attract Japanese investment in the state of Rajasthan and to extend invitation for Japan to be a partner state for the 'Resurgent Rajasthan Partnership Summit' scheduled on November 19 and 20.

Chief Minister Raje made a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe, in his office in Tokyo, on April 6. During her Japan-visit, the Chief Minister also met the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) chief, Mr. Hiroshi Watanabe, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) chairman, Mr. Hiroyuki Ishige, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) president, Mr. Hideaki Domichi.

### **METI concludes an MOC with Government of Rajasthan, on Industrial Cooperation**

On April 6, 2015, Mr. Yoichi Miyazawa, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, had a meeting with Ms. Vasundhara Raje, the Chief Minister of the State Government of Rajasthan, India, and both sides signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) on Industrial Cooperation in Rajasthan.

The conclusion of this MOC is part of the broader effort to achieve the goal of doubling Japan's foreign direct investment as well as the number of Japanese companies in India in five years, which was agreed upon at the Japan-India Summit Meeting in September of 2014. This is the second such initiative, following one with Andhra Pradesh, between the METI minister and the chief minister of a state in India.



Ms. Vasundhara Raje, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, and Mr. Yoichi Miyazawa, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) on Industrial Cooperation in Rajasthan, on April 6, 2015

*(Photos: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry [METI], Japan)*

Rajasthan has a variety of industrial advantages, including proximity to the National Capital Territory (NCT), the presence of a cluster of Japanese motor vehicle plants, and the fact that it is one of the major states in the industrial corridor that stretches from Delhi to Mumbai, all of which offer the state a high potential for investment.

Furthermore, the current Rajasthan Chief Minister Raje is well regarded for her efforts toward the development of industrial clusters, including the first industrial park dedicated to Japanese industries (Neemrana Industrial Park) through cooperation with JETRO when she was Rajasthan chief minister from 2003 to 2008, which in turn led to many Japanese companies opting to expand their business. Furthermore, Ghilot Industrial Park, a new industrial park dedicated to Japanese industries, is slated to be subdivided into lots for sale in the near future. Since her second inauguration in 2013, as the industrial sector called for the simplification of complex labor-related laws and deregulation, she revised the labor laws in favor of industry in October 2014, which was also well appreciated as a prompt response to the "Make in India" campaign initiated by the Modi administration.

The MOC includes the following points: METI and JETRO will support Japanese companies in developing their business in Rajasthan; the state government of Rajasthan will improve the business environment for Japanese industrial parks to meet global standards through the introduction of incentives and infrastructure development; and Japanese governmental organizations in India and the State Government of Rajasthan will launch a policy dialogue between them toward the development of the business environment. The conclusion of this MOC is expected to further accelerate Japanese companies' development of their business in Rajasthan.

## Padma Bhushan conferred on Mr. Saichiro Misumi, Former Managing Director, Japan-India Association



H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Honourable President of India, presenting the Padma Bhushan Award to Mr. Saichiro Misumi, at a Civil Investiture Ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, on March 30, 2015

(Photo courtesy: Rashtrapati Bhavan photos)

Mr. Saichiro Misumi, 99, a former Managing Director of the Japan-India Association, was conferred the 'Padma Bhushan' award by the Government of India, in recognition of his contribution to India-Japan relations for almost seven decades.

The award was presented to Mr. Misumi by the Honourable President of India, H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, at a function held at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, on 30 March 2015.

The Padma Bhushan award is given to pre-eminent persons in the fields of art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc.

In previous years, the Padma Bhushan has been conferred on the following Japanese nationals: Late Mr. Yoshio Sakurauchi (1989), Late Mr. Goro Koyama (1992), Mr. Yoshiro Mori (2004), Mr. Osamu Suzuki (2007), and Mr. Minoru Hara (2009).

## Japanese Imperial Decorations Conferred upon 4 Indians

On 29th April 2015, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2015 Spring Imperial Decorations. Among 85 foreign recipients are the following 4 Indian nationals.

The Presentation Ceremony, Investiture of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star was held at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on 8th May 2015, when the foreign recipients were given an audience with His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

1. **The Orders of the Rising Sun** are conferred in recognition of distinguished accomplishments of an individual.



Mr. T K A Nair

**The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star** to **Mr. T K A Nair** (75), Former Advisor to Prime Minister, Former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Former Chairman, Public Enterprises Selection Board, Former Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, for his contribution to the enhancement of relations and the promotion of friendship between Japan and India. (Mr. T K A Nair attended the presentation ceremony.)

understanding in science and technology between Japan and India



Mr. Nikunj Parekh

**The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays** to **Mr. Nikunj Parekh** (74), President, Indo-Japanese Association, Mumbai, Director, Bonsai Study Group of Indo-Japanese Association, Mumbai, Director, World Bonsai Friendship Federation, Second Vice President, Bonsai Clubs International, for his contribution to promoting and presenting Japanese Culture in India



Prof. C.N.R. Rao

**The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star** to **Prof. Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao** (80), Former Director of Indian Institute of Science, Honorary President of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, Former Chair of the Japan-India Science Council, for his contribution to promoting academic interchange and mutual

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**The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays** to **Mr. Topgay Bhutia** (64), Former local employee of the Embassy of Japan in India, for his contribution to activities of the Japanese overseas establishment.

## Exploring Japan: Sights of Summer in Japan

Japan is a spectacular destination to visit in any season, and offers many different attractions. Summer is the season of colorful fireworks and large scale festivals, many with folk dancing, for local residents and visitors. In this issue, we bring you some interesting images depicting Japan during summertime.

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



**Mt. Yotei and Sunflower field [Hokkaido Prefecture]**

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**Hiroshima Yume-Minato Fireworks Display [Hiroshima Prefecture]**

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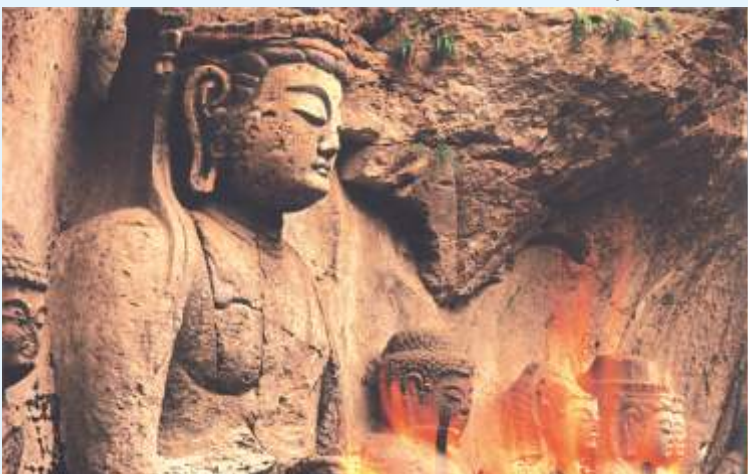
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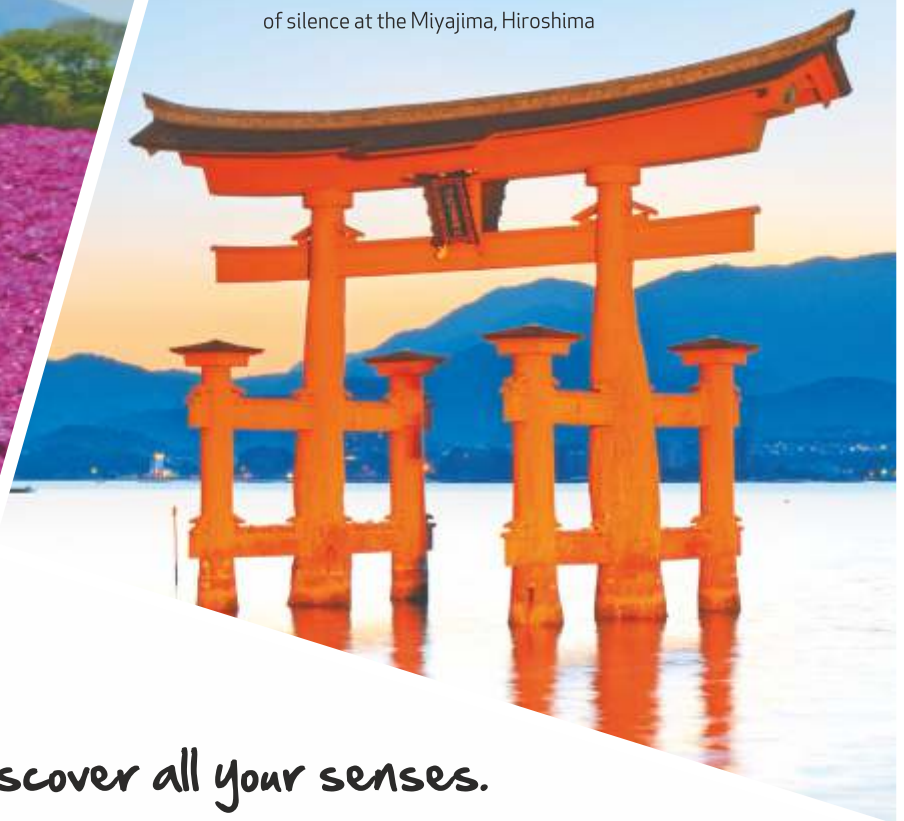
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# Discover all your senses. Rediscover yourself in JAPAN.



Come and discover the beauty of Japan this summer! It's a whole new world of fresh flavours, sounds, sights, feelings and aromas, all waiting for you. It's a journey of self-discovery, for your senses and sensibilities.

## Tokyo

This exciting metropolis is truly a heaven for the gourmet, shopping and culture enthusiasts. Indulge yourself at the elegant Ginza district or head to Akihabara for electronics and anime-themed stores. Peep into Tokyo's past at the popular Asakusa district, and while you are here, look out for the Tokyo Sky Tree, the world's tallest freestanding broadcasting tower.



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been revered by Japanese people since ancient times. If you are pressed for time to climb its summit, don't worry, you can always catch a glimpse of it while travelling on the Shinkansen (Bullet Train) near Shin-Fuji station. Clear sky days offer the finest views, especially in the morning.



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its own festivals mostly coinciding with the transition of the four seasons. Besides, a series of several mega-events like snow festivals and firework displays keep the calendar busy for the tourists.



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there are many Indian restaurants in all Japanese cities.



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## Hot Springs

Discover the soothing sensations at the *Onsen* (hot springs), an intimate part of Japanese culture. The water here is considered to have restorative properties with natural minerals that heal aches and pains, ease illness to maintain a healthy body. *Onsen* maintains a tranquil, zen-like equilibrium contributing to the Japanese appreciation for nature.



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## Sushi

Pamper your taste buds with Sushi – one of the most popular Japanese dishes. Japan's robust food culture with its refined taste is created by using seasonal ingredients, making it the ideal flavour for connoisseurs worldwide. But don't fret in case you are looking for Indian and Vegetarian options in Japan,

## Traditional Festivals

Discover festive sounds by joining the locals in celebrating the traditional Japanese *Matsuri* (traditional festivals). Every nook and cranny in Japan rejoices with

## Mount Fuji

Discover magnificent sights like the iconic Mt. Fuji - a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which has



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## Updates from Consulates

### KOLKATA



Mr. Kazumi Endo, Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, with representatives of the recipient NGO, at the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for Grant Assistance for Grassroots Project, held at the Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata, on 13th March 2015. A grant of USD 104,795 was sanctioned to the NGO for the procurement of medical items and vehicles for capacity building of their newly established eye hospital.

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



Members of the Nihongo Kaiwa Kyokai performing a Japanese song at the 30th In-Nichi Bunkasai - the Indo-Japan Cultural Festival, which aims to promote cultural relations between the two countries, held at the Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Kolkata, on 14th March 2015, with the participation of 200 audiences.

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



Mrs. Junko Bhattacharya, an origami expert, teaching Origami to the students at Don Bosco Ashalayam, Howrah, on 25th February 2015. 56 students of the NGO were deeply engrossed in this magic of paper folding.

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



Japanese language students of Kolkata, and students from Momoyama Gakuin University and Sophia University, at a meeting organised by the Nihongo Kaiwa Kyookai Society, held at Sarat Samity, Kolkata, on 7th March 2015. Casual exchanges and conversation took place between the students.

*(Photo credit: Nihongo Kaiwa Kyookai Society)*



## CHENNAI



Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai (1st from left), interacting with other guests at the Groundbreaking Ceremony of a new out-patient department in the Institute of Child Health and Hospital in Chennai, being constructed under the Grant Assistance by the Government of Japan (approx. Rs.88.20 crore), on April 22, 2015

*(Photo credit: Fujita Corporation)*



Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai, making a first-kick at the Indo-Japan friendly football match, in the Indo-Japan Sports Meet commemorating the “Olympics and Paralympics TOKYO 2020”, organized by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT), the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai, the Japan Association, Chennai, in collaboration with ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamil Nadu Centre, on March 22, 2015, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai

*(Photo credit: The New Indian Express)*



Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai (3rd from left), participating in the plant inauguration of Hitachi Automotive Systems, at One Hub Chennai, on April 16, 2015

*(Photo credit: Hitachi Automotive Systems)*



Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai (4th from left), cutting the tape with other guests at the New Model Launching Ceremony at India Yamaha Motors, SIPCOT Industrial Park, Oragadam, on April 18, 2015

*(Photo credit: India Yamaha Motors)*

## MUMBAI



Dr. Deepak Tilak, Vice Chancellor of the Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth (Left) was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by Mr. Yoshiaki Ito, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, for his contribution to promoting the friendship between Japan and India, at the Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, on 14 April 2015.

*(Photo Credit: Consulate General of Japan, Mumbai)*



Mr. Mukesh Patel, President of the Indo-Japan Friendship Association, Gujarat (Left), was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by Mr. Yoshiaki Ito, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, for his contribution to promoting the friendship between Japan and India, at the Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai, on 20 March 2015.

*(Photo Credit: Consulate General of Japan, Mumbai)*



Ms. Sarita Sundaram, President of the Teachers Association of Japanese (Left) was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by Mr. Yoshiaki Ito, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, for her contribution to promoting the friendship between Japan and India, at the Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai, on 27 March 2015.

*(Photo Credit: Consulate General of Japan, Mumbai)*



A Japanese drum performance was held at the 'Cool Japan Festival 2015' at the High Street Phoenix in Mumbai, on 7th February 2015. The event took place between 6 to 8 February 2015, where over 80,000 visitors enjoyed the beauty of Japanese cultural performances showcased on the stage, while purchasing and trying Japanese products and enjoying delicious Japanese food.

*(Photo credit: La Ditta Limited)*

## BENGALURU



Mr. Junichi Kawaue, Head of the Consulate of Japan in Bengaluru, paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Mr. Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, Honourable Governor of Karnataka, at the Vidhana Souda, Bengaluru, on 30th April 2015.



*(Photo credit: Office of the Honourable Governor of Karnataka)*



A Japanese movie screening (ALWAYS - Sunset on Third Street-3) was held at the Presidency College, Bengaluru, on 16th April 2015. Prof. Dr. Muddu Vinay, Director and Principal, Presidency College (Front row, in black suit) was a distinguished guest at the screening.



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

## Embassy of Japan offers the “Hello Japan Program”



The Japanese Embassy's “Hello Japan Program” is designed to provide an interactive and hands-on experience that will help students learn about the country. Through this Program, the students have the opportunity to explore and appreciate the Japanese culture, traditions, society and lifestyle.

The Hello Japan Program, consisting of video and PowerPoint presentations and activities such as traditional clothing and calligraphy, is a great way for students and teachers to discover all things Japanese.

### *To teachers and educators in the National Capital Region (NCR):*

If you are interested in coming to the Embassy in New Delhi on a weekday with your students to participate in this program, please send an email to [jpemb.jic@nd.mofa.go.jp](mailto:jpemb.jic@nd.mofa.go.jp). Groups from secondary schools (Grade VI and above) only, please.

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