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Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe, shaking hands with the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi

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Visit to Japan of H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India (August 30 - September 3, 2014)

H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, paid an Official Visit to Japan from 30 August to 3 September, 2014. This was Prime Minister Modi's first bilateral visit outside India's immediate neighborhood.

On August 30, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe welcomed Prime Minister Modi at the Kyoto State Guest House, where Prime Minister Abe hosted an informal dinner banquet. The following day, August 31, both leaders visited Toji Temple.

On September 1, Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister Modi held talks at the State Guest House in Tokyo and signed the Tokyo Declaration for Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership, followed by a joint press announcement. Prime Minister Abe hosted an official banquet, inviting Prime Minister Modi and other relevant guests.

Prime Minister Modi had an audience with His Majesty the Emperor of Japan on September 2.

At the Japan-India summit meeting, the two Prime Ministers noted that the two countries are Asia's two largest and oldest democracies, with ancient cultural links and enduring goodwill between their people. The two leaders discussed a wide range of issues including political, defense and security partnership, global partnership for peace and security in the region and the world, partnership for prosperity, exploring science, inspiring innovation, developing technology and connecting people. The two Prime Ministers welcomed the progress of individual cooperation programs and projects enumerated in the Factsheet.



Prime Minister Abe welcoming Prime Minister Modi at the Kyoto State Guest House

(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

The following are some of the highlights from the September 1 Japan-India summit meeting in Tokyo. The full text of the "Tokyo Declaration for Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership" and the Factsheet can be found at: http://www.mofa.go.jp/s_sa/sw/in/page3e_000227.html (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan).



The Japan-India Summit Meeting

(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)



The joint press announcement

(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)



Both leaders exchanging documents at the Signing Ceremony for the Japan-India Joint Statement

(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)



Prime Minister Modi in an audience with His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, at Imperial Palace in Tokyo, on September 2, 2014

(Photo courtesy: Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India)



Both leaders feeding the koi carp in the pond at the Kyoto State Guest House

(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)



Both leaders visiting the interior of the hall of Toji Temple

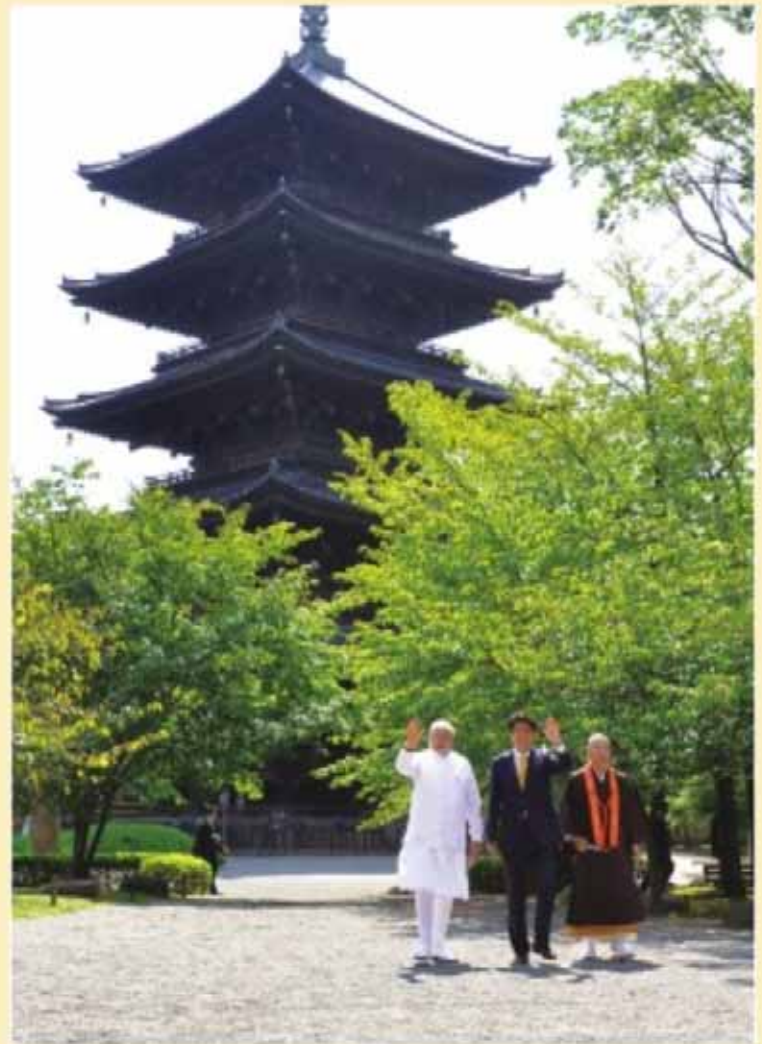
(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

First, on the political and security front, the two Prime Ministers decided to continue the practice of annual summits and welcomed that the next rounds of Foreign Ministers Strategic Dialogue and Defence Ministers dialogue would be held in 2014. They also welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defence. The officials on both sides were directed to launch working level consultations "with a view to promoting defence equipment and technology cooperation."

Second, in the area of economic relations, the two Prime Ministers decided "to set a target of doubling Japan's foreign



Both leaders walking in the grounds of Toji Temple
(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)



Both leaders walking in the grounds of Toji Temple
(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

direct investment and the number of Japanese companies in India within five years as an objective to be jointly achieved." Prime Minister Abe expressed his intention to realize 3.5 trillion yen (approx. 35 billion US dollars) of public and private investment and financing from Japan, including Overseas Development Assistance (ODA), to India in five years. Prime Minister Modi underlined "his determination to further improve the business environment in India including through tax, administrative and financial regulations in order to boost investment."

Third, with regard to people-to-people interactions, education,

The two leaders conversing in the tea room
(Photo courtesy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

science and technology, the two Prime Ministers decided to strengthen cooperation in these fields, such as substantially increasing the number of student exchanges between the two countries, enhancing Japanese language education in India, and collaborating in various disciplines of science and technology, as well as in sports.

Leading for the future, the two Prime Ministers decided to "create a relationship that will shape the course of their countries and the character of this region and the world in this century."

During his visit to Japan, Prime Minister Modi stressed that when the 21st century is said to be an Asian century, Asia's future direction will shape the world's destiny, and that Japan-India relationship will have a global impact.

Indeed, the Japan-India relationship has been enhanced to a new level as a result of Prime Minister Modi's visit to Japan this time.

Japan's MEXT Minister Visits India

Mr. Hakubun Shimomura, Japan's Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), made an official visit to New Delhi, from 4th to 5th August 2014. During the visit, Minister Shimomura met with H.E. Mrs. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Human Resource Development, H.E. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State of Science & Technology, H.E. Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State of Culture & Tourism, H.E. Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of State of Youth Affairs & Sports, and exchanged views with them about the Japan-India relationship and possible cooperation in the fields of education, culture, sports, science and technology.

Minister Shimomura also travelled to Hyderabad, where he visited IIT-Hyderabad and met with Prof U.B. Desai, Director, IIT-Hyderabad, on 6th August. Minister Shimomura also visited Bangalore to exchange views in the field of science and technology.



Mr. Hakubun Shimomura, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, shakes hands with H.E. Mrs. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Human Resource Development of India.



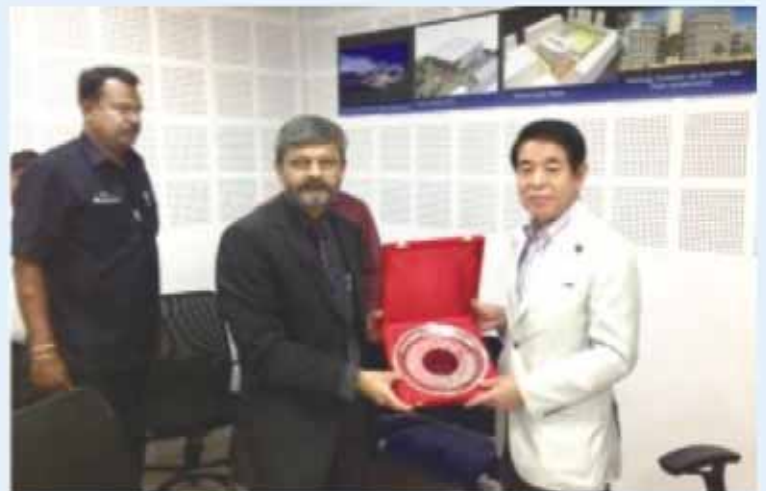
Minister Shimomura shaking hands with H.E. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State of Science & Technology of India



Minister Shimomura calling on H.E. Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State of Culture & Tourism of India



Minister Shimomura calling on H.E. Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of State of Youth Affairs & Sports of India



Minister Shimomura with Prof U.B. Desai, Director, IIT-Hyderabad

(All photos courtesy: MEXT, Japan)

World Assembly for Women in Tokyo: WAW! Tokyo 2014



High-Level Roundtable Discussion

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

Event Outline

The World Assembly for Women in Tokyo (WAW! Tokyo 2014) was held in Tokyo from September 12 to September 13, 2014. The event was jointly hosted by the Government of Japan, KEIDANREN (Japan Business Federation), Nikkei Inc., and the Japan Institute of International Affairs - and also supported by the Japan Center for Economic Research.

Participants in the symposium included leaders in public and private sectors from several countries across the world. The issues discussed included the economic benefits achievable by promoting the active roles of women, diversity in working styles, the development of society, and the common issues relating to women throughout the world.

From India, two leaders participated in WAW! Tokyo 2014, namely, Mrs. Naina Lal Kidwai, Immediate Past President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Executive Director on the Board of HSBC Asia-Pacific and Chairman India, and Mrs. Zia Mody, Founder and Senior Partner of a law firm, AZB & Partners. The two leaders made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Abe on 12 September. The two leaders were also actively engaged in Shine Weeks events in Japan, such as, a key note speech by Mrs. Naina Lal Kidwai at MetLife Symposium, panel discussion at Kiyomizu-dera temple in Kyoto and a keynote lecture at Tokyo Metropolitan Government Symposium, both by Mrs. Zia Mody.

Open Forum: Women's Power as the Source of Growth

On September 12, an open forum on the theme of "Women's Power as the Source of Growth" was held at Keidanren Kaikan, attended by Japan's Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe, Mrs. Akie Abe, and Foreign Minister Mr. Fumio Kishida. IMF Managing Director Ms. Christine Lagarde gave the keynote



Open Forum

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

speech; Mrs. Akie Abe, spouse of the Prime Minister of Japan, had a special talk with Ms. Cherie Blair, Founder - Cherie Blair Foundation for Women and wife of the former British Prime Minister; and then a panel discussion was held on the theme of "Promoting women's active roles to bolster companies' competitiveness".

High-Level Roundtable Discussion

The High-Level Roundtable Discussion was held on September 13, attended by Prime Minister and Mrs. Abe, and Ms. Haruko Arimura, Minister in charge of Promoting Women's Active Participation. Foreign Minister Kishida chaired the plenary session. After the opening session involving all participants, during Session Meeting 1 entitled Promoting Women's Active Roles in the Economy, and Session Meeting 2 entitled Global Issues and Women's Initiatives, discussions were held on (1) Promoting Women's Active Roles in Companies/Organizations, (2) Women and Entrepreneurship, (3) Infrastructure Necessary to Support Women's Active Roles in Society (in Session Meeting 1), and (4) Future "Human Security" and Women, (5) Peacebuilding by Women, and (6) A Society where Self-Determination of Women is Assured (in Session Meeting 2).

Shine Weeks

The period from before and after the symposium, from September 8 to September 19, was positioned as the Shine Weeks, and a series of women-related events were held by groups including relevant government ministries and agencies, local governments, citizen groups, and schools and student organizations in Japan and other countries in the world.. These events include symposiums, seminars, movie screenings, performances and events for food, tourism, and other aspects of Japanese culture. It is hoped these events will generate a movement for "A Society where Women Shine" in the world.



Mrs. Naina Lal Kidwai speaking at the MetLife Symposium on "A society Where Women Shine and My Career"

(Photo courtesy: MetLife)



Mrs. Zia Mody speaking at the Symposium "Tokyo, A Town Where Women Shine"

(Photo courtesy: Tokyo Metropolitan Government)

WAW! To Do



13th September 2014, Tokyo

The following was summarized by the Chair based on the proposals by WAW! Participants;

1 Promoting Women's Active Roles in the Economy

- (1) Obtain top management's commitment: Clarify targets, implement action plan, and increase accountability. Endorse Japan's new legislation that supports women's empowerment in the workplace. Promote change in the mind set of middle management. Train and support women, and produce female role models.
- (2) Implement unprecedented drastic reform in work style: Abandon long working hours, and realize high productive and flexible work style. Shift from "work- life - balance" to "work-life-management" in which one can decide how to blend work and life together based on one's own will.
- (3) Back up women's entrepreneurship: Lower hurdles on financing such as loans without personal guarantee. During educational stage, young people should be given a chance to be aware of the choice to become entrepreneurs, so that the mindset of people can be changed.
- (4) Support women's business: Actively advance public procurement by women-running corporations. Introduce a social structure to make better use of senior professionals.
- (5) Enhance care giving solutions: Promote utilization of home care givers to provide more options to families raising children and caring elderly so that women can work. In this view, cooperate with local governments to establish national standards for home care givers and create a market. Moreover, increase supply, and relax relevant policies and measures to invite foreign care givers in a more flexible manner.
- (6) Realize a neutral social system: Review the tax and social security system and realize a neutral social system. Introduce such measures as income tax deductions in order to support child rearing. Moreover, introduce tax incentives for companies that encourage men to take parental leave.

2 Global Issues and Women's Initiatives

- (1) Address immediate needs of women and children: Ensure that comprehensive and effective policies and mechanism are in place in disasters and crisis which threaten human security.
- (2) Strategically invest in women's' empowerment: All stakeholders including governments, business circles and civil societies make strategic investment in the areas of education, medicine, economy and food in order to enhance the resilience of societies.
- (3) Ensure political leadership and participation of women: To ensure the implementation of UNSCR1325 and related resolutions, high level political leadership and commitment, consultation by the international community with women in civil society, and inclusion of perspectives and participation of women in all stages of peace building and all governmental decision-making are essential. We suggest bringing key high level leaders together to strategize for concrete results.
- (4) Strengthen the role of women in peace and security: Document and make accessible the role that women play in peace and security and ensure that resources are available to support such efforts. End the culture of impunity for sexual violence and provide survivor-centered support in peacebuilding, and create mechanisms to ensure the empowerment and support for women.
- (5) Reveal and correct biases against women exist in laws, institutions and national policies: Monitor its implementation. The rational analysis of structural impediments of gender equality, including statistical analytics, will allow us to keep the spotlight on the women's challenges.
- (6) Empower Women: Technology is critical to the empowerment of women. Technology brings access to education, technical support for small and medium businesses, and offers a means for women across the globe to share best practices. To build women's confidence, we need demonstrated leadership by women not only to provide role models but to encourage and ensure gender equality.

For further information, please visit
http://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/hr_ha/page22c_000456.html

Malabar Exercise (Japan-India US)

Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) participated in Malabar exercise with Indian Navy (IN) and US Navy (USN) from 24th to 30th July 2014, in the Pacific Ocean.



Commanding Officers of JMSDF, IN and USN



Malabar Exercise (Front: Japanese vessel JMSDF Ashigara, Back: Indian vessel INS Ranvijay)



Replenishment at sea, Malabar Exercise
(Left: Indian vessel INS Shakti, Right: Japanese vessel JMSDF Kurama)



Replenishment at sea, Malabar Exercise
(Left: USN vessel Washington Chambers, Right: Japanese vessel JMSDF Kurama)
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Study Tour in Japan: India's National Defence College

Student officers of the National Defence College in New Delhi visited Japan with their spouses in May 2014.



Japan Education Fair 2014 held in New Delhi and Pune

Delhi

The Japan Education Fair 2014 was held on 4 August 2014 at Hotel Lalit, New Delhi. The fair turned out to be an extremely successful event, with approximately 1400 footfalls including students from schools and colleges, and other visitors, attending the fair.

Representatives from nine Japanese universities and one Japanese language school participated in the fair organized by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) and co-organized by Ritsumeikan India Office in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan, The Japan Foundation, MOSAI (Mombusho Scholars Association of India) and The University of Tokyo. Representatives from five Japanese companies also participated in the fair.

[Universities and Japanese Language Institutions participated]

Hokkaido University, Tohoku University, The University of Tokyo, Shizuoka University, Osaka University, Kyushu University, Keio University, Waseda University, Ritsumeikan University, Shinjuku Heiwa Japanese Language School

[Japanese Companies participated]

Casio India, Kokuyo Camlin, Japan Airlines Regional Office India, Yakult Danone India, Unicharm India

Chief Guest, H.E. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan, inaugurated the fair. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Yagi commented that there is a need for further expansion of people-to-people contact between the two countries and The Japan Education Fair 2014 is a step in the right direction, as it promotes interface of leading universities of Japan with the Indian students. He also encouraged more Indian students to visit and study in Japan to better their future career prospects. Other dignitaries who addressed the students at the Education Fair were Mr. Hideki Yonekawa - Vice President, JASSO, and Mr. Kiyofumi Kawaguchi - President of Ritsumeikan University, Japan.

The inauguration was followed by a seminar on Study in Japan, which gave information about the country, scope of education, cost of living for the students, etc. The universities had set up counselling booths to attend to the students' queries. In order to keep the visitors engaged and to give them a glimpse of Japanese culture, activities such as Origami, Tea ceremony, Japanese dolls, a humanoid Robot and videos were also shown.

Pune

In Pune, the Pune chapter of MOSAI organized its second Japan Education Fair in Pune on August 2, 2014 at Maharashtra Institute of Technology. With JASSO as the leader of the Japanese participants, the fair was attended by seven Japanese universities. 565 people (including students) took part in the event, showing great interest in Japanese higher education.

[Universities participated]

Hokkaido University, Shizuoka University, The University of Tokyo, Kyushu University, Keio University, Waseda University, Ritsumeikan University

The Japan Education Fair 2014 presented excellent opportunities for those seeking higher education in Japan.



Updates from Consulates

Kolkata



Mr. Kazumi Endo, Consul-General of Japan in Kolkata, Mr. Amalendu Bikash Choudhuri, President of Rehabilitation Centres for Children, and Mrs. Mita Banerjee, State Disability Commissioner of West Bengal, interacting during the Inauguration of the Medical Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Orthopaedic Disability, under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Project (Government of Japan) at Rehabilitation Centres for Children, on July 23rd, 2014 at Barisha, Kolkata.

(Photo credit: Consulate General of Japan, Kolkata)



Mr. Soham Pal, the great-grandson of Justice Pal, won the first award in Senior Group at the 17th Nihongo Quiz Contest, on August 30th, 2014, at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture in Golpark, Kolkata.

(Photo credit: Consulate General of Japan, Kolkata)

Chennai



Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul-General of Japan at Chennai, participating in the Inaugural Ceremony of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Project 'Construction of a Barrier-Free Hostel for Persons with Disabilities' run by Santhigiri Rehabilitation Institute, during his visit to Cochin, Kerala, on 26-27 August 2014.

(Photo Credit: Consulate General of Japan, Chennai)



Students performing a drama 'KASA-JIZO' at the JAPANESE NIGHT vol.4, held at the Rani Seethai Hall in Chennai, organized by Consulate General of Japan at Chennai, in association with ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamilnadu Centre, Hayakawa Japanese Language School & Cultural Center, Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Sethu Bhaskara Japanese Language Academy, SRM University, HCL Technologies, Nihon Technology, and Hyatt Regency Chennai, on 30 August 2014.

(Photo credit: Consulate General of Japan, Chennai)

Mumbai



Mr. Zubin D'Souza, Indian Food Chef, with members of the Japanese Association, Mumbai, at the Indian Food Workshop on 6 July 2014

(Photo credit: Indo-Japanese Association, Mumbai)

Bangalore



Mr. Abhijit Sengupta, former Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India (centre), Ms. Shyamala Ganesh, co-founder of the Ohara Ikebana Bangalore Chapter (left), and Mr. Toru Tsutsui, Vice Consul (right), at the Ikebana exhibition held on 19th September 2014, in Bangalore

(Photo Credit: Consulate of Japan, Bangalore)



Piano Concert - The Power of the Music, at National Centre of Performing Arts, Mumbai, on 30 July 2014 (Mr. Toshiki Usui, Pianist, and Mr. Shimpei Kawachi, Japanese sword artist)

(Photo credit: Corporate Catalyst India)



Ikebana flower arrangement held by Ohara Bangalore Chapter, on 19th September, fascinated the visitors

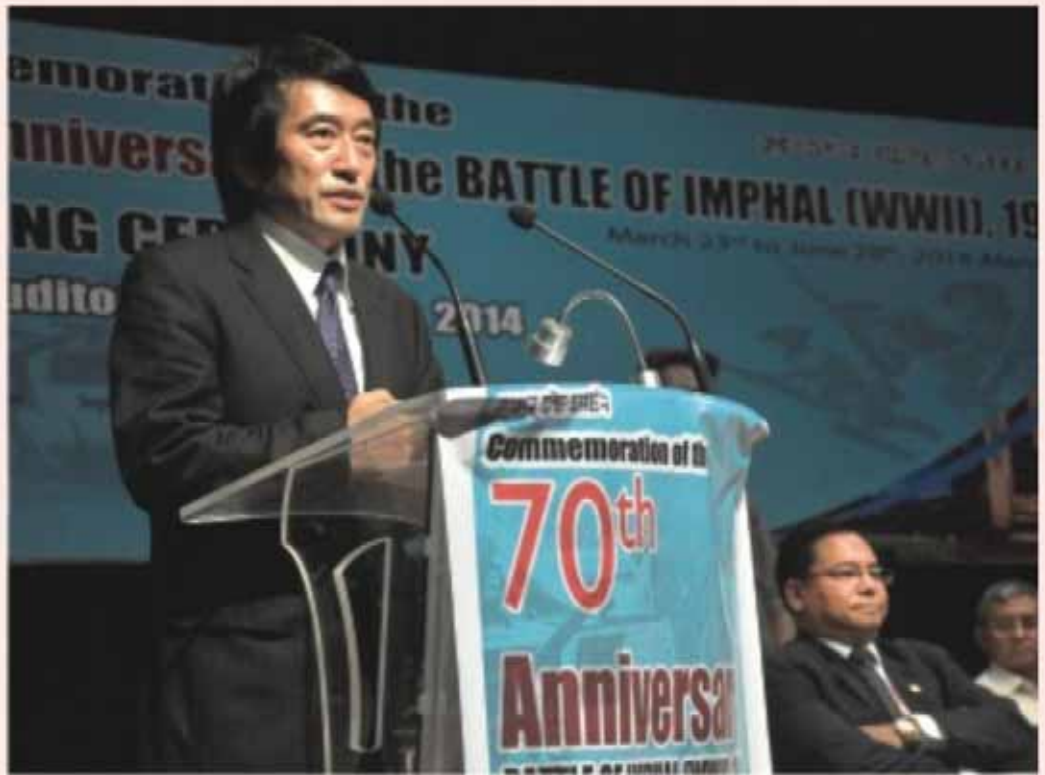
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Closing Ceremony of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Imphal, held in Manipur

On 28th June 2014, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Japan, Mr. Yasuhisa Kawamura, visited Manipur to attend the Closing Ceremony of the Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Imphal, to conclude the three months long commemoration of the 1944 battle in the Second World War. The event, conducted by The Organizing Committee of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Imphal, was held in the presence of the Governor of Manipur, H.E. Mr. V.K. Duggal, and the Chief Minister of Manipur, H.E. Mr. O. Ibobi Singh, as well as other distinguished guests including senior diplomats from the Missions of the United States, United Kingdom and Australia, besides Japan. The function culminated with the screening of a short film, "Imphal 1944", directed by a Japanese film maker/actor, Mr. Junichi Kajioka.

In his address at the ceremony, Mr. Kawamura said that the Battle of Imphal is well remembered by the people of Japan and that, since the end of World War II, Japan has been united with the rest of the world by common values such as democracy and rule of law, while remembering the past. He also noted that Japan has developed friendly relations with India, United States, United Kingdom and Australia over the last seven decades. Furthermore, Mr. Kawamura stressed that, what was once a fierce battlefield is now becoming a new symbol of Japan-India cooperation, as Japan is planning to extend cooperation towards the northeastern region's development, following the Japan-India Summit Meeting in January 2014.

During his Manipur visit, Mr. Kawamura participated in a memorial service to pay tribute to the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Imphal, besides delivering a presentation on Japan at Manipur University. He also visited the Indian National Army (INA) War Museum in Mairong, some 45 km from Imphal, where he saw photographs depicting the Imphal conflict, considered as one of the fiercest battles of World War II.



Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Japan, Mr. Yasuhisa Kawamura, delivering his address at the Closing Ceremony



Mr. Kawamura visiting the Indian National Army (INA) War Museum

(All photos credit: Manipur Tourism Forum and the 2nd World War Imphal Campaign Foundation)

Exploring Japan: Kyoto Temples

Kyoto was the capital of Japan for some 1,100 years - from the 8th century until the mid-19th century. There remain many temples and shrines in Kyoto that were built during this period, some of which are inscribed as the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

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



Toji Temple [Kyoto Prefecture]

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CLICK! Japan Photo Contest Winners chosen at the Japan Foundation New Delhi

The CLICK! JAPAN PHOTO CONTEST, organized by the Embassy of Japan in India and The Japan Foundation, New Delhi, was held from 1st to 29th August 2014, at The Japan Foundation, New Delhi.

The colourful exhibition comprised of photographs taken by people who visited Japan between April 2013 and June 2014, showcasing their best memories of the country and what inspired them. 10 best photos were selected out of 76 entries and given a special commendation at a ceremony at the Japan Foundation on 13th August 2014. Enjoy the 10 winning photographs!

1. Best Award: **'Live-Mates in Tokyo'** by Yogesh Sehgal, at the Tokyo Imperial Palace (27th May 2014)
"Japan is lively. Wherever I went in Japan I found lively beauty and persons!! Nigiyaka desu yo. So my friends posed in a lively manner."



2. Taishikan Award: **'Meanwhile'** by Lavanya Asthana, at Nagoya (24th July 2013)
"Japan is REFRESHING. These vibrant vending machines, just like the people across Japan, offered me many refreshing breaks during my travels. Through the metaphor of drinks in the vending machine, I present the country's pleasant and welcoming nature, likes, habits, culture, affinity to technology and the happiness that ¥120 can buy in Japan!"



3. Special Recognition Award: **'Chotu Sumo Wrestler'** by Donald Popat, at Osaka Castle (27th May 2013)



4. Excellence Award: **'The time to relax is when you don't have time for it'** by Jitender Pal, at Nishi Ohi Station, Tokyo (22nd May 2014)
"Japan is a country of diligent people. They never give up and they know that the beginning is always the hardest. Life rewards those who work hard at it."



5. Excellence Award: **'Art in his eyes!!'** by Ankita Kushwaha, at Suzuka Museum of Traditional arts (20th June 2014)

"Japan is enriched with rich cultural heritage that is well preserved. In this photograph, the man is as amused as a child, as serene as nature, and as dedicated as a star, enjoying his artwork, the sheer pleasure of which shows on his face, which is characteristic of Japanese people."



6. Honourable Mention Award: **'Cherry Blossoms and Celebration in Kyoto'** by Kalyani Oswal, at Kyoto (3rd April 2014)



7. Honourable Mention Award: **'Inspired Living'** by Ayush Rai, at Nagoya (4th October 2013)



8. Honourable Mention Award: **'不二'** by Nirav Gupta, at Fujikawaguchiko, Mount Fuji (7th July 2013)



9. Honourable Mention Award: **'Sumo - born to wrestle'** by Aman Kohli, at Sumo Championship (Winter Cup), Ryogoku, Tokyo (26th January 2014)



10. Honourable Mention Award: **'Through the heart'** by Amruta Kalpak Keskar, at a Buddhist temple in Yonezawa (17th May 2014)

Japanese High School Students visit India under the JENESYS 2.0 Programme

A group of 65 Japanese high school students from Kunori Gakuen High School (Yamagata Prefecture), Gujyo High School (Gifu Prefecture), and Ishiyama High School (Shiga Prefecture), accompanied by their supervisors, visited India from 22nd to 29th July 2014, as part of the JENESYS 2.0 youth exchange programme.

On July 23, 2014, these students made a call at the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi, where they received a lecture on the history and relationship between Japan and India, by Mr. Yasuhisa Kawamura, Chargé d'affaires ad interim. They also listened to a brief talk about the tasks performed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), by Mr. Ichiguchi, Deputy Chief Representative of JICA, India.

On the occasion, the students had a group photograph taken under the 'bo' tree in the Embassy compound, which was planted nearly 54 years ago by Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

The visit to India through JENESYS 2.0 was a valuable experience for the Japanese students.



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