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Personal History and Accomplishments of Dr. Ashwani Kumar

Decoration	Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun
Services	Contributed to strengthening bilateral relations and promoting friendship between Japan and India

Dr. Ashwani Kumar majored in law at prominent institutions such as Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Punjab University. He was appointed as a Senior Counsel by the Supreme Court of India when he was 34, and as an Additional Solicitor General of India at the age of 37. Dr. Kumar served as a member of the Rajya Sabha from 2002-2016.

In 2005, Dr. Kumar assumed the Chairmanship of FICCI India-Japan Forum of Parliamentarians, which was established during the visit of the former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, to India. The Forum has become the foundation for promoting parliamentary exchanges between Japan and India.

Dr. Kumar served as Accompanying Minister to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe when the Prime Minister visited India in 2007, and also served as a Special Envoy of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Japan, when Prime Minister Abe visited India in January 2014.

Dr. Kumar also served as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy on the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan to India in December 2013. Dr. Kumar greatly contributed to the success of the visit.

Dr. Kumar has been contributing to the promotion of Japan–India relations in the field of Science and Technology as well, as a Council Member of the STS Forum.