

Press Release

Embassy of Japan in India

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Conferral of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, upon Ambassador Shyam Saran

On 21st May, 2019, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2019 Spring Imperial Decorations. Ambassador Shyam Saran is among this year's foreign recipients and, in recognition of his contributions to strengthening the strategic relations and enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and India, Ambassador Saran will receive the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star.

- Order of Decoration: Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
- Service: Strengthening the strategic relations and enhancing mutual understanding between Japan and India
- Major Positions Held:
 - Life Trustee of the India International Centre (2017-Present)
 - Chairman of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (2011-2017)
 - The Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Nuclear Affairs and Climate Change (2006-2010)
 - Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, India (2004-2006)
 - Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India in Japan (1986-1989)

Summary of Ambassador Saran's Contributions

Ambassador Shyam Saran's contributions to enhancement of mutual understanding between Japan and India include organization of "India Festival", which was held in Japan in 1988, when he was Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy of India in Japan. Since 2004, as Foreign Secretary, Ambassador Saran played an important role to elevate Japan-India relationship to strategic partnership. During his tenure, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi visited India for the first time in 5 years as Japanese Prime Minister and he made a significant contribution to make this visit to take place. Since 2017, as Life Trustee of IIC, Ambassador Saran has been enhancing mutual understanding between the two countries, such as by hosting an "India-Japan Colloquium".

As it delivers the announcement of his reception of the decoration, the Embassy of Japan in India pay homage to Ambassador Saran's long years of service.