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Hon. Ms. Sushma Swaraj, then Minister of External Affairs of India, with Ambassador and Mrs. Hiramatsu, at the reception hosted by them at their residence on 1st May, to commemorate the Imperial Succession in Japan.

(Photo: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

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Ambassador Delivers a Lecture at National Defence College

On 6th May, Ambassador Hiramatsu gave a lecture on “Security Situation in East Asia and Japan-India Relationship” at the National Defence College in Delhi. In the lecture, Ambassador Hiramatsu explained the concept of “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” and current Japan-India defense cooperation, etc.



(Photos: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

Ambassador Meets Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha

On 15th March, Ambassador Hiramatsu called on Mr. Harivansh, Honourable Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, prior to the Indian Parliamentary delegation's visit to Japan at the invitation of the House of Councillors, National Diet of Japan. Ambassador Hiramatsu expressed his hope towards the enhancement of Japan-India relations through the delegation's visit to Japan.

Mr. Harivansh's delegation had fruitful meetings with prominent political leaders, including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Mr. Chuichi Date, President of the House of Councillors, and Mr. Tadamori Oshima, Speaker of the House of Representatives in Japan.

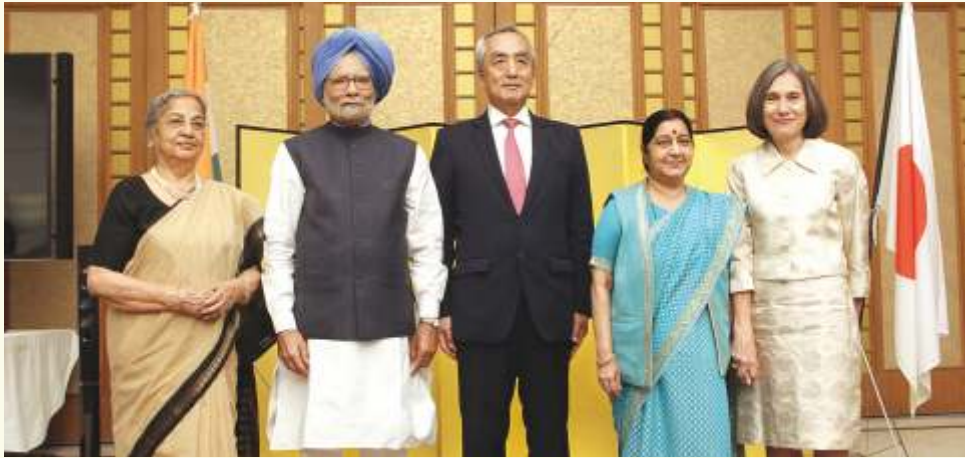


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Reception for Commemorating the Imperial Succession of Japan Held

On 1st May, Ambassador and Mrs. Hiramatsu hosted a reception for commemorating the Imperial Succession in Japan, at their residence. On the same day, His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito acceded to the Throne, and the Japanese new era "Reiwa" has begun. "Reiwa" means "Beautiful Harmony". This historical succession to the Imperial Throne from a living Emperor is the first such instance taking place in approximately 200 years.

In his speech, Ambassador Hiramatsu expressed his gratitude to all the people who have contributed to strengthening the Japan-India relationship in various areas, and his determination to deepen this relationship further in the new era.



(Photos: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

The 3rd Indo-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction Held

On 18th March, the 3rd Indo-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, organized by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The Government of Japan and the Government of India signed a Memorandum of Cooperation aiming to develop cooperation between both countries in the field of disaster risk reduction and to promote the relationship between both countries, on the occasion of Prime Minister Abe's visit to India in 2017. This Workshop has been held in order to exchange information on policy and measures on disaster risk reduction, and to enhance cooperation between Japan and India.

From the Japanese side, Ambassador Hiramatsu, as well as a large number of delegates from governments, research institutions and private companies, led by Mr. Nakamura, Vice Minister, Cabinet Office of Japan, participated. From the Indian side, many participants joined from governments, research institutes, FICCI, and private companies, headed by Dr. P.K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.

For further information, please check the following link: https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/00_000843.html



(Photos: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

Ambassador Attends the 2nd International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

On 19th March, the 2nd International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (2nd IWDR I) was held at Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi, organized by NDMA, the Government of India, in collaboration with United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR).

IWDR I is an international conference to share the latest knowledge and technologies, and to discuss challenges and potential ideas, in order to build disaster resilient infrastructure.

As the only speaker among foreign governments invited to the opening ceremony of the conference, Ambassador Hiramatsu made his address and deeply appreciated the recent initiative by the Government of India, on behalf of Japan, a highly disaster-prone country. He also reiterated that Japan would be willing to cooperate with this initiative, to participate in future discussions, and to make contributions in every possible way. In the opening ceremony, Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of Secretary General, UNISDR, also made her address.

For details including the full text of Ambassador's address, please check the following link: https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/00_000845.html



(Photos: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

Ambassador Hiramatsu Visits Hyderabad

On 28th March, Ambassador Hiramatsu visited Indian Institute of Technology - Hyderabad (IITH) as Chief Guest at the ground-breaking ceremony of its campus development project. In the ceremony, Ambassador Hiramatsu conveyed his sincere appreciation for the efforts made by all people who work to promote Japan-India collaboration in IITH, and expressed his hope that Japan-India collaboration in IITH would continue ceaselessly. Ambassador Hiramatsu also visited Toshiba Transmission & Distribution Systems India in Hyderabad, which manufactures electronic products like transformers and switchgears, and their products are sold in India and exported to more than 40 countries.

On 29th March, Ambassador Hiramatsu visited the Asa Bhanu Japan Center in Hyderabad and exchanged views with people who are disseminating Japanese culture in Hyderabad, besides taking a look at the exhibits at the center, including Ikebana, Japanese dolls and Origami.



(Photos: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

Ambassador Hiramatsu Visits Nagaland

Ambassador and Mrs. Hiramatsu attended the 75th anniversary event of the Battle of Kohima on 4th April. Ambassador Hiramatsu delivered an address on the occasion, offering heartfelt prayers to the victims, while wishing for a future-oriented relationship with India's North East. Ambassador Hiramatsu also called on Shri Neiphiu Rio, Hon. Chief Minister of Nagaland, and visited sites related to the Battle of Kohima.



(Photos: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

Ambassador Hiramatsu Visits Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

On 26th April, Ambassador Hiramatsu attended the inauguration ceremony of Sri City Japanese Companies JIM (Japan Institute of Manufacturing), which is the 9th JIM in India, at Sri City in Andhra Pradesh. In his speech, Ambassador Hiramatsu appreciated the Japanese companies' contribution towards 'Make in India' and 'Skill India', and expressed his expectation for the further development of Japan-India economic relationship. Ambassador Hiramatsu also encouraged the students who will enroll in the JIM.

On the same day, Ambassador Hiramatsu attended the Inauguration Ceremony of ORIGINS Chennai, developed by Sumitomo Corporation, in Tamil Nadu. This is one of the Japan Industrial Townships, which is promoted by the government of Japan and India. In his address, Ambassador Hiramatsu expressed his hopes for more Japanese companies to come to India and expand their investments in India.



(Photos: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

JENESYS 2018 Reunion Held

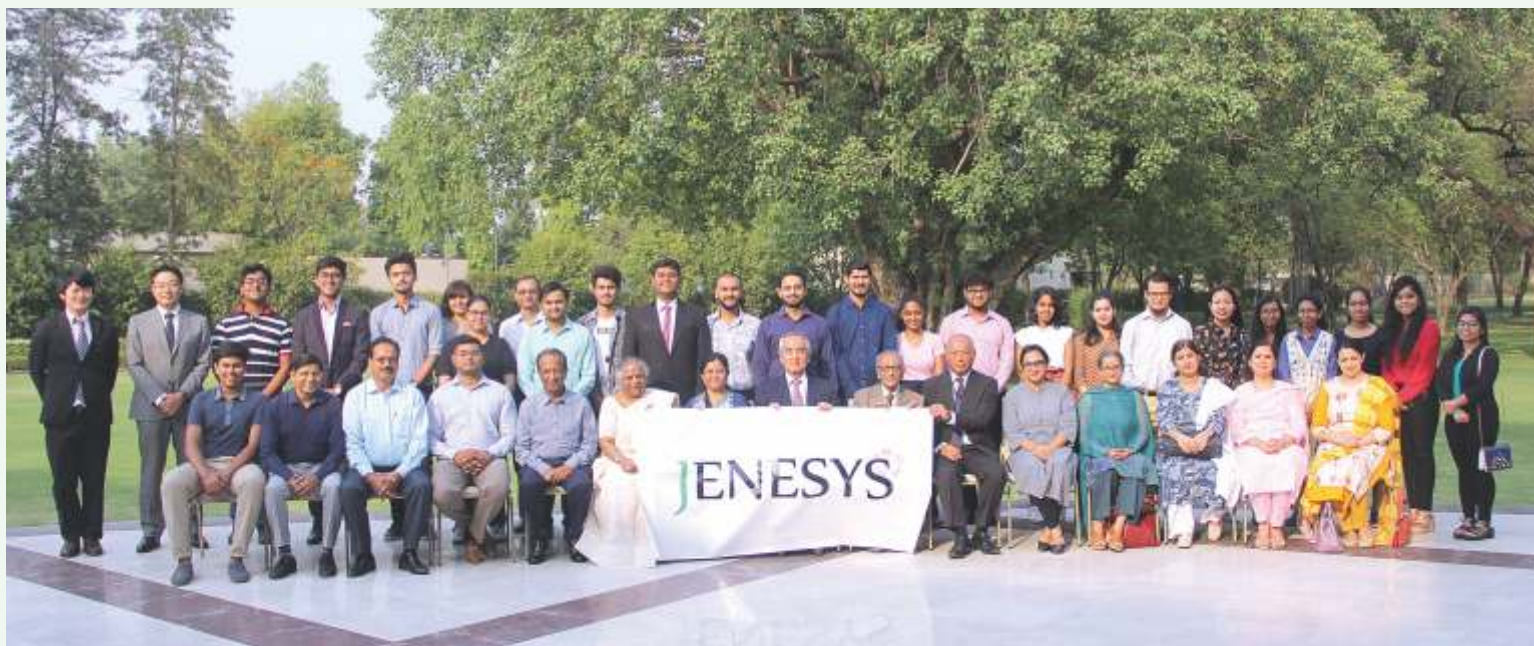
The JENESYS 2018 reunion session was held on 7th June, at the Ambassador's residence, Embassy of Japan.

Out of 104 students from higher secondary schools, universities, and young professionals, who joined the JENESYS 2018 invitation program to Japan sponsored by Government of Japan, under the theme of Environmental Technology, Science and Technology, Japanese Communication and Culture, Sports Exchange, Agriculture and Health, 20 attended the reunion together with representatives of Japan related organizations and AFS India.

At the beginning of the event, H.E. Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India, delivered his opening remarks, in which he emphasized the importance of giving an impetus to people-to-people exchanges between Japan and India.

Thereafter, 3 presenters on behalf of the participants made presentations on their experiences in Japan, their efforts after returning from Japan, and future goals, etc.

The event concluded with warm comments by Dr. Ashok Jain, Chairperson, MOSAI, on behalf of the guests.



(Photos: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

Completion Ceremony of the Teachers' Training Course-A Held at the Japanese Language Teachers' Training Centre

On 12th April, Ambassador Hiramatsu attended the completion ceremony of the Teachers' Training Course - A (360 hrs), held at the UGC-HRDC in Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Ambassador Hiramatsu congratulated the successful trainees and handed over the certificate to each of them.

Prof. Ashok Kumar Chawla, Advisor, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and Mr. Kaoru Miyamoto, Director General of Japan Foundation, New Delhi, also attended this ceremony.



(Photos: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

2019 Spring Send-off Reception Held for Japanese Government Scholarship Students

On 20th March, Ambassador Hiramatsu hosted the reception to send off Japanese Government Scholarship students, at his residence.

Students who attended the reception are going to Japan from spring 2019 as Research Students, Undergraduate Students and College of Technology Students.

At the beginning of the event, H.E. Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India, delivered his opening remarks, in which he emphasized the importance of giving an impetus to people-to-people exchanges between Japan and India, and expressed his best wishes for the students' academic endeavours in Japan.

Thereafter, the event concluded with warm comments by Dr. Ashok Jain, Chairperson, MOSAI, on behalf of the guests.



(Photo: Embassy of Japan, New Delhi)

Updates from Consulates

KOLKATA



Japanese children giving a musical performance at the **34th In-Nichi Bunkasai**, organised by Nihongo Kaiwa Kyookai Society, in collaboration with Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata, held at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium, Jadavpur University, on 16th March. The performance received huge applause from around 200 people, who had gathered to attend the event.



Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata and Oxford Bookstore jointly organised **Shi-Gin**, which is a recitation and chanting of Japanese poems in the traditional way, held at Oxford Bookstore, Kolkata, on 28th March. Shi-gin was presented by Prof. Keiji Takeuchi, master of Shi-gin, who was accompanied by poetical dance by Mrs. Setsu Togawa. A total of 14 recitations/chanting were performed, in which the audience took deep interest and expressed desire to participate in more such unique events.



Ms. Manami Kato, Vice Consul, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata, inaugurating Medical Equipment at **The Project for Equipping Leprosy Mission Purulia to Provide Better Medical Care to Poor and Needy Community**, at The Leprosy Mission Trust India, Purulia Leprosy Home & Hospital, on 27th March. The advanced medical equipment procured under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) Scheme, will be utilized for the better treatment of more than 30,000 beneficiaries annually. It is going to contribute to the better health and livelihood of the underprivileged people of Purulia.



People eagerly watching a presentation on Japan at the **Visit Japan: Travel Promotion Seminar**, organised by Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata, in association with Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO) New Delhi Office, at Hotel Hindusthan International, on 2nd March. The seminar aimed to promote outbound international tourism from India to Japan. The seminar was followed by a Kiki-zake (Japanese rice wine tasting) reception, where the participants and guests got an opportunity to taste 5 different kinds of Japanese rice wine.

(Photos: Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata)

CHENNAI



On 24th April, the Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama, visited Tata Consultancy Services.

(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Chennai)



On 20th May, the Cultural and Information Section of the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai visited the ABK-AOTS Dosokai Karur Chapter and had an interaction with students who study Japanese language.

(Photo: SSJLTC Karur)



On 22nd May, the Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama, visited Mahindra World City.

(Photo: Mahindra World City)



On 24th May, the Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama, gave a speech at the event, “Ushering in a new Japanese Imperial Era –'Reiwa' and Reminiscing 'Heisei' Era”, organized by the Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IJCCI), at Hotel Savera, Chennai.

(Photo: IJCCI)

MUMBAI



On 1st June, Consul General of Japan in Mumbai, Mr. Michio Harada, inaugurated the Elephanta Festival together with Maharashtra Tourism Minister, Hon. Mr. Jaykumar Rawal. The Elephanta Festival was held on 1st and 2nd June, at Mumbai and Elephanta Island.

(Photo: Government of Maharashtra)



Consul General of Japan in Mumbai, Mr. Michio Harada, paid a courtesy call on the Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM), Mr. Praveen Pardeshi, on 22nd May, at MCGM Headquarters, Mumbai. The Consul General spoke with the Municipal Commissioner about the deep-rooted and strong relations between Japan and Maharashtra, especially Mumbai city.

(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai)



Consul General of Japan in Mumbai, Mr. Michio Harada, recently called on Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Western Naval Command. Mr. Harada discussed with him about the Consecutive Partnership Between Japan and India for National Security issues, and looked forward to deepening relations between Japan and India.

(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai)



On 30th May, Consul General of Japan in Mumbai, Mr. Michio Harada, attended the 15th World Conference on Transport Research, which was held in IIT-Bombay, as a guest speaker. Mr. Harada also had a meeting with Mr. Achal Khare, Managing Director, National High-Speed Railway Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), who was attending the Conference as a panelist.

(Photo: Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai)

BENGALURU



Cosplay Walk 2019 - The 2nd edition of Cosplay Walk, hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Bengaluru on 24th March, brought together more than 110 Cosplayers and Otakus from all over India to walk the St. Mark's Road of Bengaluru in colourful costumes depicting characters from various Animes and Manga comics. This Japanese pop-culture free event had more than 400 visitors who were entertained by live Japanese pop-music and dance, sale of anime merchandise and manga comics, Playstation kiosks, fun costume trial photo booth, etc.



Monthly “Nihon Bunkakai” - A free Japanese Culture activity, open to all, is being hosted at the office premises of the Consulate General of Japan in Bengaluru every month since April 2019. The “Ikebana Demonstration” in April, “Chanoyu Demonstration” in May, as well as the “Japanese Movie Month” in June, have been a great success, in spite of the events being held on weekdays.



Japan Tourism Promotion Meet - Since a daily direct flight service by Japan Airlines (JAL) is scheduled to begin next year, a networking session to promote Japan tourism was held on 10th May, at the Consul General's residence. A limited number of senior leaders of noted travel agencies in Bengaluru participated, and JAL, JNTO, JTB and other speakers with professional knowledge and valuable experience in tourism were invited to make presentations.



The “Banga Roll” sushi making headlines in Japan - The “Banga Roll” sushi is now famous in Japan too, with the recent articles published by Japanese newspapers. The “Banga Roll” sushi is inspired by the fact that Bengaluru comes from the Kannada word Bendakaluru or the city of boiled beans, and adorns the bright colours of the flag of Karnataka. Banga Roll sushi was born late last year at the Japan Food Fest and has been introduced in menus across many Japanese restaurants in Bengaluru too.

(Photos: Consulate General of Japan in Bengaluru)

Exploring Japan: Experience the Colourful Japanese Autumn

Autumn in Japan is from September to November. Crimson leaves and perfect weather make autumn a prime time for travel. As summer transitions to autumn, Japan begins to cool down, offering temperate weather that is perfect for outdoor walks. Traditional gardens and parks showcase these autumn colors and attract crowds of visitors eager to see the changing leaves.

Shown here are some beautiful photographs on the theme of autumn, from last year's entries to THE CLICK! JAPAN PHOTO CONTEST 2018. We have received an overwhelming number of entries to the THE CLICK! JAPAN PHOTO CONTEST 2019, and selected photos will be displayed in a photo exhibition at the Japan Foundation, New Delhi, from 1st to 17th August 2019. For detailed information, please see: https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/00_000858.html



The blend of culture and nature

Aditya Mahajan (Contest Participant)



Colours of nature at Rikugien Garden

Ajay K. Airan (Contest Participant)



Resplendence everywhere!

Jayanthi Rajagopalan (Contest Participant)



The journey of life is beautiful

Krishna Kumawat (Contest Participant)



Rainbow Bridge and Odaiba Statue of Liberty


Meenu Kumari (Contest Participant)



Kuji Bay through the trees

Neha Agrawal (Contest Participant)

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