

Press Release

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Conferral of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays, upon Dr. Thangjam Dhabali Singh

On 29th April 2020, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2020 Spring Decorations. Dr. Thangjam Dhabali Singh, Former President, Manipur Tourism Forum, is among this year's foreign recipients and, in recognition of his contributions to promoting the understanding of Japan in India, and friendship between Japan and India, Dr. Singh will receive the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays.

- Title of the Decoration: Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays
- Service: Promoting the understanding of Japan in India, and friendship between Japan and India
- Major Positions Held: Former President, Manipur Tourism Forum (2012-2017)

Summary of Dr. Singh's Contributions

Dr. Singh had been the President of Manipur Tourism Forum (MTF) from 2012 to 2017. Imphal city, the Capital of Manipur, is known for the Battle of Imphal that took place between Japan and the British forces during World War II. Dr. Singh has been working diligently towards the promotion of friendship between Japan and Imphal, which has a common history with Japan, and where the souls of several soldiers from both countries lie at rest, and has been providing assistance to various organizations.

Dr. Singh recognizes the importance of preserving the memories of the Battle of Imphal for the future generations, and took the initiative to organize the first-ever ceremony of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Imphal. Dr. Singh, as the President of MTF, hosted the ceremony, and a lot of Japanese citizens, including officials of the Embassy of Japan in India, participated in it.

With the support of Sasakawa Peace Foundation and Nippon Foundation, the Imphal Peace Museum was opened on 22nd June 2019, towards the construction of which the MTF played an important and central role. Dr. Singh oversaw the construction since its beginning and made an enormous contribution for its successful completion, as the then President of MTF.

As it conveys the announcement of his receiving the decoration, the Embassy of Japan in India pays tribute to Dr. Singh's long years of service for consolidating the Japan-India relationship.