

【Ambassador Suzuki】

Upon the conferral of Decoration of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, I express my warmest congratulations to Professor Prem K. Motwani. The Decoration bestowed upon Professor Motwani is in recognition of his long contributions to promoting academic exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and India.

Professor Motwani has been dedicating himself to the research and recognition of Japanese Management Practices in India and the development of Japanese language education in this country. He has been making valuable suggestions on the application of the Japanese management style to Indian companies as well as giving insightful lectures to Japanese companies aiming to start operations in India

As a researcher and an educator, Professor has numerous work on publications and translations in the field of Japanese Management Practices, not to mention the various translations of books on Japan-India relations. Additionally, he acted as an interpreter for numerous high-profile dignitaries, such as Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, devoting to further deepening the ties between the two countries.

Another important area of Professor Motwani's work to be highlighted is the promotion of the Japanese language. He contributed to the reorganization of the Centre for Japanese, Korean, and Northeast Asian Studies at the Jawaharlal Nehru University to the Centre of Japanese Studies. At the same time, he trained countless students who are now highly proficient users of Japanese and active in various areas.

Furthermore, with his profound knowledge of both countries, Professor Motwani played a significant role as the member of the board of directors of the Japanese School New Delhi.

I would once again like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Professor Motwani for his distinguished contributions to strengthening the Japan-India relations.

【Professor Prem K. Motwani】

I am overwhelmed and humbled to be conferred the prestigious “The Order of the Rising Sun Gold Rays with Neck Ribbons” the highest honor for an academic. It is hard to put my feelings into words but it is an important and momentous occasion in my life and recognition of my work. I consider myself blessed to be bestowed this award. I thank the Japanese government for this recognition. I dedicate this award to my father who encouraged me to take up Japanese studies and I wish he was here to share this moment with me. I also dedicate it to my family that has supported me throughout for chasing my dreams. Without the support of my wife it would not have been possible.

I was inspired to take up Japanese studies in the 1970s because Japan was the only Asian nation then to emerge as an economic superpower in less than three decades after the war. I researched on modernization of Japan and my goal has been to introduce the best practices of Japan, especially Japanese management practices, so that India can also modernize fast and become an equitable society and an economic powerhouse. India-Japan enjoy a very special economic relationship for nearly two decades now and I shall work for the furtherment of Indo-Japanese relations. This recognition gives me encouragement to work towards that goal until my last breath.