

## Press Release

Embassy of Japan in India  
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**Conferral of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star  
upon Mr. Nripendra Misra,  
and the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays  
upon Mrs. Indira Misra**

On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2021 Spring Decorations. Mr. Nripendra Misra, former Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, and Mrs. Indira Misra, former President of the Ikebana International Gurgaon Chapter, are among this year's foreign recipients. Mr. Misra will receive the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star in recognition of his contributions to strengthening the economic relationship between Japan and India. Mrs. Misra will receive the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays in recognition of her contributions to promoting Ikebana in India and mutual understanding between Japan and India.

The Embassy of Japan in India has the honor to pay tribute to the above two recipients for their distinguished service on the occasion of the conferral.

### **Mr. Nripendra Misra**

- Title of the Decoration: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star
- Service: Strengthening the economic relationship between Japan and India.
- Major Positions Held: Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India (2014-2019), also Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of Telecom-communication, Fertilizer and Chemicals, Chairperson of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- Summary of Contributions:

Mr. Misra contributed to the development of the Japan-India relationship as Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India from 2014-2019. As Principal Secretary to the PM, he made an enormous contribution to several successful high-level visits between the two countries, including Prime Ministerial visits. During his tenure, three visits by the Indian Prime Minister and two visits by the Japanese Prime Minister were conducted, with far-reaching progress made in various areas of bilateral cooperation. He had tirelessly dedicated himself to the materialization of the current strong Japan-India relationship.

Japan-India economic cooperation is the traditionally robust area of cooperation between the two countries, and the number of Japanese companies operating in India increased significantly

during his tenure. Mr. Misra had been fully aware of the vital importance of the economic relationship between our two countries and played a pivotal role in furthering the Japan-India economic relationship, particularly boosting trade and investment. This was heightened with his assiduous role of facilitator.

**Mrs. Indira Misra**

- Title of the Decoration: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays
- Service: Promoting Ikebana in India and mutual understanding between Japan and India.
- Major Positions Held: Former President of the Ikebana International Gurgaon Chapter (2008-2012)
- Summary of Contributions:

Mrs. Indira Misra has been contributing to the promotion of Ikebana in India for over 30 years and has been greatly enhancing the mutual understanding between Japan and India. She took the lead in many workshops and study groups, and actively engaged in the promotion of the Japanese traditional culture and the training of the younger generations. Also, she has been devoting herself to diverse activities to spread the culture of Ikebana in India; her activities include demonstrations, exhibitions in various events, and collaboration of Ikebana with music and dances. Furthermore, Mrs. Misra received requests from various schools and organizations to teach them the art of the Japanese flower arrangement. Through her activities, she has made a significant contribution to the promotion and development of Ikebana in India.