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President's Message



Dear Friends,
The 76th Independence Day of India was celebrated on 15th August in a grand manner. This year, while India and Japan are celebrating the 70th Anniversary of India-Japan Diplomatic Relations, the

United States and India are celebrating 75th Anniversary of India-US Diplomatic Relations. President Biden said, "India and the United States are indispensable partners, and our diplomatic relations is grounded in our shared commitment to the rule of law and promotion of human freedom and dignity. Our two democracies will continue to stand together to defend the rules-based order; foster greater peace and prosperity and security for our people; advance a free and open Indo-Pacific; and together address the challenges we face around the world".

I am happy to share that my colleague Mr. N. Kumar, Chairman IJCCI was conferred with the Government of Japan award from the Consul-General of Japan in Chennai last month. I deem it a great honour done to him and to the Chamber, it gives us filip to contribute more for catalysing Japan-India bilateral activities.

Today, in this fast changing world, the curse of terrorism and misuse of sophisticated weapons are increasingly high to sabotage peace and economic prosperity of nations, a united and cohesive approach becomes mandatory. I strongly believe that respecting rule of law, understanding and appreciating the culture of other nations can only contribute to a civilised global society. Encouraging people-to-people relationship in a cross-cultural society can play a pivotal role.

The loss of Mr. Shinzo Abe, a giant in the world stage, an outstanding global leader, should remind every one of us that it is time to stand together to combat violence in any form in any part of the globe. The mission of a great visionary should never go unfulfilled.

Let us stand unitedly for Peace and Prosperity of the world.

Regards,
T.P. Imbichammad

76th Indian Independence Day



Prime Minister Mr. Naredra Modi hoisting the National Flag at the 76th Independence day celebrations, New Delhi.

N. Kumar's commendation



Mr. N. Kumar, Chairman IJCCI and Vice-Chairman Sanmar Group received the government of Japan award "The order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star" - on 7th July 2022 from Mr. Taga Masayuki, Consul-General of Japan, Chennai.

Release of Resource Paper



Release of Resource Paper “India and Japan in Free and Open Indo-Pacific” by Consul General Mr. Taga Masayuki on 12th July 2022 in Chennai. The Resource Paper is a compilation of the topics presented by a galaxy of eminent speakers at the two-day symposium organised by IJCCI on 7th & 8th of May 2022. Consul General Mr. Taga Masayuki, released the Resource Paper and delivered a speech on the significance of the free and open Indo-Pacific. Mr. N. Ravi, Chairman, Kasturi and Sons Ltd (Holding Company of Hindu) and Dr. Sridhar Krishnaswami, Secretary IJCCI, shared their thoughts.

Virtual Seminar on “Key Customs Declaration for Imports and Exports” held on 22nd July 2022



Indo Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IJCCI) together with the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) organised a zoom meet on ‘Key Customs Declaration for Imports and Exports’. Mr. Unnikrishnan, Regional Head - Joint Director General FIEO set the tone for the meeting. Mr. PS Suman Partner PSS Legal; Mr. P Muthusamy I.R.S., Commissioner - Customs & GST (Retd.); Experts from Grant Thornton Bharat LLP - Mr. PS Krishnan, Mr. Nemish Zaveri and Mr. N Mallikarjun made presentations on Popular Schemes under Customs, Import - Export Declaration, Case Studies for better understanding of the implementation of the law etc. Mr. S Padmanabhan, Director Sattva Logistics Group presented the Concluding Remarks. The seminar had an overwhelming participation from across the country. The Q&A Session was lively and the participants got the most out of this session. This interaction was highly helpful and productive for the importers and exporters who are the major players in the global supply chains. It also proved beneficial to the potential businessmen.



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India - Japan Cultural Evening

Students of Japanese Language School and the Chennai Karaoke Band together presented an India - Japan cultural evening on 6th August 2022. The event was sponsored by Sri City Pvt. Ltd.



Hiroshima Day

Secretary General reminded the audience of ‘ Hiroshima Day’. Ms.Suguna Ramamoorthy said ‘people will never forget the dates August 6 and 9, when atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, that claimed the lives of thousands of innocent civilians rendering many, many more in these two cities homeless. We are still living in the aftershock of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and people are



still carrying the scars of history. The resilient Japanese though have overcome their struggle unitedly, reminding fellow citizens of the world on this day that we should never ever give up in making the world a better place for everyone to live peacefully and happily. May the suffering, stories and resilience of survivors unite us in action to free the world of nuclear weapons. The Japanese Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida unveiled an action plan on 1st August 2022 on ‘world free of nuclear weapons’, to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and technology, promoting peaceful use of nuclear energy and achieving nuclear disarmament. Mr.Ksihida has announced that Japan will contribute \$10 million to set up a U.N. fund to help young people learn about atomic bombs through visits to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Secretary General of IJCCI Ms. Suguna Ramamoorthy paid a rich and emotional tribute to the former Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe - “India lost a great friend and the world, a great visionary”. IJCCI Governing Council observed silence and offered their prayers to Mr. Shinzo Abe.

JICA extends ODA loan of Rs. 6,000 crore for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed a loan agreement to provide an Official Development Assistance loan of about Rs. 6,000 crore (100 billion Japanese Yen) as the third tranche for the construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR). The loan agreement was signed on July 25, 2022 and comes after a Rs. 18,000 crore package of JICA’s commitment in 2017.

Fourth India - Japan Cyber Dialogue

The Fourth India-Japan Cyber Dialogue was hosted by India virtually on 30 June 2022. The Indian Delegation was led by Ms. Muanpui Saiawi, Joint Secretary, Cyber Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), while the Japanese delegation was led by Mr. Yutaka Arima, Ambassador in-charge of Cyber Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Areas of discussion included national cyber policies and cybersecurity strategies, recent cyber threat landscape, ICT supply chain risks and 5G policies. Both sides also discussed bilateral cooperation in the field of capacity building as well as cooperation under UN, QUAD (Japan-Australia-India-U.S.) and ASEAN Regional Forum.

India, Japan conduct Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) in Andaman Sea

A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defense Force and Indian Navy in the Andaman Sea. INS Sukanya, an offshore patrol vessel and JS Samidare, a Murasame class destroyer, undertook various exercises including seamanship activities, aircraft operations and tactical manoeuvres as part of the operational interaction. Japan and India have been carrying out regular exercises in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) aimed towards reinforcing maritime association. The exercises conducted were aimed at enhancing



interoperability and streamlining seamanship and communication procedures. This exercise is part of the ongoing efforts between the two navies toward ensuring safe and secure international shipping and trade in the Indian Ocean Region.

Suzuki to establish R&D Centre in India

Suzuki Motor Corporation is establishing Suzuki Research and Development Center India Private Limited (SRDI). The announcement came at an event on 28 August when Suzuki commemorated 40th anniversary of its Indian business. Suzuki is pumping more than Rs 10,400 crore for setting up capacities for electric vehicles and EV batteries in Gujarat making it one of the first of such moves by the carmaker. The first electric vehicle is expected to be rolled out from its plant in 2025. A State-of-the-art plant for manufacture of batteries for EVs is starting in 2026. Prime Minister Mr. Modi laid the foundation stones of Suzuki's EV battery manufacturing facility in Gujarat and Maruti's car-making facility in the northern state of Haryana.

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