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## President's Message



Dear friends,  
I am extremely happy to be back again with you.

The year is drawing to a close. For most of us the year 2022 had been good and productive. It also gives us a feeling that we have fought with tremendous

courage and overcome our pains and negativity to a great extent and entering into a new and promising year. With confidence and vigour we look forward to a highly successful year 2023.

Friends, the G20 Presidency by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi gives us immense pleasure and the September 2023 Summit in New Delhi will witness the leadership role of India in uniting the 20 countries, with a focused agenda on important global issues. Of course it is a very big challenge at this critical moment of war, energy crisis, food crisis, terrorist activities etc., posing threats all over the globe. But I am confident that the leadership opportunity given to India will be fully exploited to bring peace and prosperity among nations.

I am also happy to mention that Mr. Rishi Sunak, Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, an Indian whose credentials can help stabilize the falling pound and skyrocketing inflation of the United Kingdom. I am happy to quote his own words "The government I lead will not leave the next generation - your children and grandchildren - with a debt to settle that we were too weak to pay ourselves. I will unite our country, not with words, but with action. I will work day in and day out to deliver for you. This government will have integrity, professionalism, and accountability at every level. Trust is earned, and I will earn yours."

I wish every one of you, Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year. May the dreams and aspirations of all of us come true to be happy and make others happy.

Regards,  
**T.P. Imbichammad**

## IJCCI President commended by Consul General of Japan



Mr. T.P. Imbichammad, President IJCCI and Chairman Avalon Group was commended by Consul-General of Japan in Chennai Hon'ble Mr. TAGA Masayuki at a function held at the official residence in Chennai on 30th Nov 2022

## Japanese electronic companies develop sensors to detect a child left in a vehicle



Using sensor technology to detect a child in a vehicle by correlating with the different movements of the children, blind spots such as in spaces behind seats etc. Alps Alpine Co. exhibited a sensor that detects a person's presence by sending short wavelength radio waves, called millimetre waves, in a car. The company says the sensor can detect even the slightest movement, such as the chest of an infant covered with a blanket moving. When the sensor detects that a person has been left in a vehicle, the device beeps a horn or flashes lights to notify others. A similar sensor will be

installed in a new electric vehicle to be sold by Sweden's Volvo Cars. Mitsubishi Electric Corp. is developing technology that can analyze the figure of a passenger by placing both a human-detecting sensor and a near-infrared camera in a vehicle. Murata Manufacturing Co. is developing a load sensor that is embedded in car seats. The sensor can detect a passenger's presence and even measure a person's heart rate.

(Asahi Shimbun)

## India takes over the G-20 Presidency

India has taken over the G-20 presidency from December 2022. The G20 will be conducted by India in September 2023 in New Delhi. Mr. Modi will have to travel abroad to ensure that all G-20 leaders and invitees attend at the highest level, and officials will have to burn midnight oil to achieve consensus on statements. A comprehensive G-20 agenda, where officials said they would focus on counter-terrorism, supply chain disruptions and global unity. It is a crucial responsibility that is being assumed by India at a very challenging time in world politics.



G-20 countries : Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the U.K. and the U.S., as well as the European Union, represented by the rotating council presidency and the European Central Bank. "It is a big opportunity for India. We have to make full use of this opportunity and focus on global good and world welfare. Whether it is peace or unity, sensitivity towards the environment or sustainable development, India has solutions to challenges related to these," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on a radio broadcast. The motto "one earth, one family, one future", Prime Minister Narendra Modi committed to making India's year of chairmanship as one that will focus on "healing our 'One Earth', creating harmony within our 'One Family' and giving hope for our 'One Future'". There are great many issues to be addressed this time, over the last three years, countries have experienced economic and social devastation due to Covid, Ukraine-Russia war resulting in deficiency of fuel, food, fertilizers etc. India should also give priority climate management issues, having tremendous impact on earth in recent years besides addressing increased terrorism, black money etc. "India's G20 Presidency will be consultative, collaborative and decisive" said Minister Dr. Jaishankar.

**Some of the key points of approach by Prime Minister Modi on the G20 Presidency :** Greatest challenges can be solved not by fighting with each other but by acting together; Technology gives us the means to address problems on a humanity-wide scale; India's experiences can provide insights for possible solutions; India will encourage sustainable and environment friendly lifestyles based on trusteeship towards nature; De-politicise the global supply of food, fertilizer and medical products.

## Rent out NOZOMI bullet train



Central Japan Railway Co. is now offering charter service of Nozomi Shinkansen. The service is available on the Nozomi from stations in the Tokyo metropolitan area, such as Tokyo, Shinagawa and Shin-Yokohama, to Nagoya, Kyoto or Shin-Osaka stations. Passengers can also use liquid crystal display monitors and speakers to watch movies and listen to music or ask for a red carpet be laid in the aisles while it is rented out. The charter fee is less than the total cost of all the regular seats in the car and it is the first time this service is offered, says JR Tokai. The company has

received around 800 applications and the car was used for weddings, graduation trips and other events.



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A Very Happy & Prosperous  
New Year*

# 2023



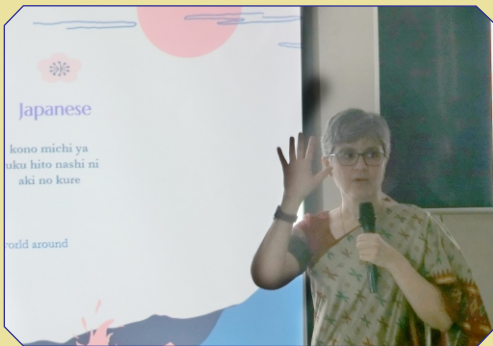
**World Karate Day** was celebrated jointly by IJCCI & RYU KYU KOBUDO Shimbukan and Shorinryu Karate on 6th November 2022. Dr. Kobudo Krishnamurthy and 250 Students breaking tiles at a time in a public function, presided over by Consul General of Japan Mr. TAGA Masayuki and President IJCCI Mr. T.P. Inbichammad.



**Bonsai & Suiseki - Exhibition and Demonstration** :17-20 November at IJCCI premises. Workshop on Bonsai was conducted from 18-20 November by Mr. Sivaji, President, Chennai Bonsai Club.



**Haiku Workshop** at IJCCI by Ms. Geethanjali Rajan, Chief Guest Mr. Kenji Miyata, Acting Consul-General, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai on 11th December, participated by Haiku enthusiasts in Chennai.



**Calligraphy Workshop** at IJCCI by Ms. S. Lakshmi, Chief Guest Mr. Kenji Miyata. Madame Miyata and Mr. T.P. Inbichammad were the honoured guests.



## Seminar on Cross Border Leather Trade and Trade Facilitation Measures for Leather Industry



The Southern Region of the Council of Leather Exports (CLE SR) in association with the Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IJCCI) and the Southern India Shoe Manufacturers Association (SISMA) organised a Seminar on Cross Border Leather Trade and Trade Facilitation Measures for Leather Industry on 7th November, 2022 in Ambur. The Seminar was attended by Members representing the Leather Clusters in different parts of Tamilnadu.

Mr. T.P. Imbichammad, President, IJCCI & Chairman, Avalon Group welcomed the members, presented an overview of the Japanese market. Dr. M. Rafeeqe Ahmed, Former Chairman, CLE and Chairman, Farida Group shared the success story of Farida Group in tapping the Japanese Market and stressed upon the need to produce quality goods and for making consistent efforts to penetrate the Japanese market. Mr. D. Anil, IRS, Commissioner of Customs, Trichy made a detailed presentation about Digitization and Ease of Customs Clearance and encouraged the Members to extensively use the Customs Portal for their business purpose. Ms. Suguna Ramamoorthy, Secretary General of IJCCI highlighted that Japan is the 7th largest global importer of leather and leather products but India's export was only USD 46 million and having a low market share of 0.7%. She emphasised that there is ample scope to enhance India-Japan bilateral trade in this sector. She invited members to join the delegation visits to Japan, being organised by IJCCI from time to time, and explained the catalytic role of IJCCI in furthering India-Japan economic relations.

### India to attract \$10 billion low carbon investments in 2023: Bank of America



Low carbon energy investments into India could rise. According to reports, India may attract investments worth \$10 billion in the low-carbon energy segment next year. Bank of America analysts have identified India as a bright spot in a subdued capital-raising market. India has already received funding from Singapore, Norway, and Abu Dhabi among others. According to President of Bank of America "If you really have to get your ESG story right, and if you are into energy, then

you can do large pieces of work in India". Earlier, the World Economic Forum noted that a total of \$14.5 billion was invested in renewable energy in India. This was 125 per cent higher compared to financial year 2020-21 and 72 per cent higher than in the pre-pandemic period of the 2019-20. As of August 31, 2022, renewable energy sources, including large hydropower, have a combined installed capacity of 163 GW in India. "Rising electricity demand, falling prices for renewable energy, India's push to manufacture solar photovoltaic modules, government support schemes aimed at boosting Indian manufacturers' competitiveness and attracting investment (Production Linked Incentive schemes), and the waiver of transmission charges for renewable energy are the key drivers of India's renewable energy growth right now," says Vibhuti Garg, Director, South Asia, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis. India's annual CO2 emissions are now the third highest in the world. The International Energy Agency however pointed out that India's CO2 emissions per person "put it near the bottom of the world's emitters, and they are lower still if you consider historical emissions per person." The same is true of energy consumption: the average household in India consumes a tenth as much electricity as the average household in the United States, says the International Energy Agency.

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