

Independence Day of India

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Connecting Himalayas with Mt. Fuji

By Sibi George

Ambassador of India

On the occasion of India's 79th Independence Day, I extend warm greetings to Their Majesties, the Emperor and the Empress of Japan, to the government and people of Japan, to members of the Indian community and to all friends of India in Japan.



Sibi George

As India progresses through the Amrit Kaal, the 25-year period leading up to the centenary of its independence, we do so with pride in our democratic traditions, confidence in our developmental strides and a firm commitment to global cooperation. Our journey is not only a national one, it is also shared with our partners, foremost among them being Japan, with whom we enjoy a Special Strategic and Global Partnership rooted in shared values, mutual respect and a common vision for peace, stability and prosperity.

India and Japan are civilizational countries whose relationship goes back millennia. The legend of Bodhidharma, an Indian monk whose legacy lives on in Japan as Daruma, embodies the spiritual and philosophical bridge between our nations. Yoga has found deep resonance in Japan. The International Day of Yoga 2025 was celebrated at Tsukiji Hongwanji Temple in Tokyo, where over 2,500 people participated. We were honored by the presence of Madam Yoshihiko Ishiba, spouse of Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Shigeru Ishiba, and Madam Satoko



H.E. Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Honorable President of India

Iwaya, spouse of Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Takeshi Iwaya, whose participation reflected the deep people-to-people bonds that unite us.

Building on this foundation, India-Japan ties have grown from strength to strength in recent times. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Shigeru Ishiba met twice in the last year: on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summit in Laos in October 2024 and again at the G7 Summit in Kananaskis, Canada, in June 2025. Both our countries are now making intensive preparations for the next annual India-Japan summit, which will take our relationship to new heights.

High-level interactions with Japan included a productive visit to India by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan H.E. Mr. Fukushima Nukaga in May 2025. External Affairs Minister H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar met with Foreign Minister H.E. Takeshi Iwaya twice this year, in January and July 2025. These high-level engagements are critical in shaping our strategic out-



H.E. Shri Narendra Modi, Honorable Prime Minister of India

look and ensuring a rules-based and inclusive Indo-Pacific.

India and Japan share a vibrant economic partnership, with around 1,500 Japanese companies investing across key sectors like electronics, renewables and digital tech. India is quickly emerging as a global manufacturing and export base for Japanese firms, backed by strong fundamentals and Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes. High-level visits from several Japanese industrial associations to India this year have further cemented this relationship. Economic security is quickly becoming a key aspect of our cooperation, especially with the launch of the India-Japan Dialogue on Economic Security last year.

The year 2025-26 is a historic milestone in our science and technology ties. Our two countries are marking it as the Year of Science, Technology and Innovation Exchange. This yearlong celebration reflects our shared commitment to leveraging our respective scientific advancements for mutual benefit.



Courtesy of Indian Embassy

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Several developments underscore the growing momentum in this domain. The Indian Beamline at the High Energy Accelerator Research Organization has been extended until 2029, with expanded access to additional beamlines, enabling advanced research in high-energy physics and material science. The India Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) are jointly working on the Chandrayaan-5/Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX), following the successful landings of both countries on the moon in recent years. The unveiling of the bust of Bharat Ratna Sir C.V. Raman at Shimane University was a symbolic moment, celebrating our shared scientific legacy. The discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C.V. Raman laid the foundation for technologies that Japan has globally led in, particularly in Raman Spectroscopy.

Defense cooperation with Japan is on an upward trajectory with the enhancement of scale and scope of existing drills and orientation. In addition to the 2+2 dialogue in August 2024, Defense Ministers H.E. Shri Rajnath Singh and H.E. Mr. Gen Nakatani met in New Delhi on May 5 this year. There have been high-level visits by delegations, along with regular exercises such as Dharma Guardian and Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX). Further, India and Japan are actively pursuing the case for sale and technology transfer of the Unified Complex Radio Antenna (UNICORN) masts to India.

The presence of India at the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo has been a defining aspect of our engagement this year. The India Pavilion — Bharat showcases India's progress across multiple domains such as science, space, digital transformation, yoga, Ayurveda, textiles, crafts and

food. Cultural programs, business seminars, Prefecture Day celebrations and ODOP (One District One Product) displays have all contributed to drawing thousands of Japanese visitors to the pavilion.

Our regional cooperation has also witnessed sustained growth. Governors of several Japanese prefectures led delegations to India over the last year. It was reciprocated by high-level visits by chief ministers of Indian states to Japan. Celebrations of Prefecture Days at both the Embassy of India and the India Pavilion — Bharat at the Expo have added new dimensions to India-Japan relations. Institutional frameworks such as the partnerships between Toyama and Andhra Pradesh, Yamanashi and Uttar Pradesh, and Shizuoka and Gujarat, exemplify the success of our endeavor to take our diplomacy from Tokyo and New Delhi to the prefectures and states.

While the bilateral partnership is blooming, the relationship between India and Japan transcends the bilateral realm and is an important factor for peace, prosperity and stability in the wider Indo-Pacific. We cooperate in multiple multilateral and plurilateral forums including the QUAD, the G20 and the G4 where our interests and values align.

As we celebrate the 79th Independence Day of India, we also celebrate the enduring and evolving partnership between India and Japan. With scientific cooperation deepening, cultural bridges strengthening and our strategic vision aligned, I am confident that the India-Japan partnership under the theme of "Connecting Himalayas with Mt. Fuji" will continue to flourish in the years to come.

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Namaste!

On the momentous occasion of India's 79th Independence Day, I, on behalf of the Indian Chamber of Commerce-Japan (ICJJ), extend my heartfelt greetings to all Indians and our dear friends of India in Japan. Aug. 15, 1947, marked not only India's liberation from colonial rule but also the beginning of a democratic journey rooted in the principles of freedom, resilience and shared prosperity.

As we celebrate this historic day in 2025, India continues to emerge as a global leader in innovation, sustainability and economic development. It fills us with pride to witness India's dynamic contributions across sectors, as well as its strengthened global partnerships, especially with Japan, a true friend and

trusted ally.

Since its founding in 1937, ICJJ has proudly played a role in nurturing India-Japan relations through business, culture and people-to-people ties. As part of our ongoing efforts to foster greater understanding and collaboration, we are especially excited about India's dynamic participation in the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo. We warmly encourage everyone to visit the India Pavilion, where India's spirit of innovation and diversity is on full display. Let this be an opportunity to deepen engagement and spark new collaborations.



Paramjit Chadha

We are deeply grateful to the Embassy of India in Japan and the Consulate General of India in Osaka-Kobe for their continued guidance and support. Their partnership has been invaluable in our shared mission of strengthening bilateral ties.

As we honor this day of freedom and renewal, the Indian Chamber of Commerce-Japan reaffirms its commitment to promoting mutual understanding, facilitating cooperation and supporting the aspirations of our member companies.

Wishing everyone a joyful and inspiring Independence Day!

Warm regards

Paramjit Chadha
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