

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

Heartfelt welcome to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

By Yog Kapoor

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Dr. Manmohan Singh and Mrs. Sonia Gandhi have exerted amazing leadership in globalizing and stabilizing India, a country with a population of 1.2 billion and many religions, many languages and many political parties. Indeed, it has been one of the toughest jobs in the world to bring all these threads together.

The Congress party of Dr. Singh and Mrs. Gandhi and their devotion to the country has helped stamp India on the world map today. Having established self-sufficiency, India's agriculture, manufacturing, construction and



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tourism industries are booming thanks to the stable government and its international reputation as a trustworthy nation.

Japan and India are both peace-loving countries. I think Prime Minister Singh's latest visit to Japan is very timely since Japan and the world are still suffering from the financial crisis.

The leaders of both countries should seize this opportunity as the chance exists for economic, security and cultural collaboration. India likely will give Japanese businesses a boost in many fields: agriculture, electronic appliances, and automobiles, just to name a few.

Soon India will become a world hub for small-car production; for decades, Suzuki Motor Corp. of Japan has been one of the leading automobile suppliers in the Indian market. During his visit, Dr. Singh is expected to ink an economic partnership agreement (EPA) with Japan and discuss with Prime Minister Naoto Kan a bilateral



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civil nuclear cooperation pact, which will enable Japan to export its nuclear power

generation technology and equipment to India.

Prime Minister Kan's administration has expressed its intention to incorporate the vigor of Asia and other regions in its new growth strategy. In line with this policy, the India-Japan EPA is expected to help strengthen Japanese companies' competitiveness and expand infrastructure exports.

Japan is the world's second-biggest economic power, but its population is shrinking and its society is aging. To maintain its status, Japan should extend the economic partnership between Japan and India and make more concessions to make Japan self-sufficient.

If we work together with great sincerity and honesty, we can continue to bring happiness and prosperity to our nation's peoples. We also can make this beautiful world more safe, peaceful and prosperous for generations to come.



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Shera, left, the mascot for the Commonwealth Games in India held on Oct. 3-14

ICCJ, IMAY welcome Dr. Singh

By Ryuko Hira

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Dr. Manmohan Singh, India's 14th prime minister, a great thinker and a scholar, is visiting Japan.

On behalf of all members of the Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry Japan Tokyo (ICCJ) and the Indian Merchants Association of Yokohama (IMAY), I am deeply honored and privileged to welcome Prime Minister Singh to Japan.

Mahatma Gandhi liberated India, but Dr. Singh has been recognized worldwide for making Indian economic history by ushering in a comprehensive policy of economic reform that has led to contemporary



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India's rise. India's unprecedented model of true democracy contains a myriad of challenges. Prime Minister Singh's enduring principles and daring indomitable persistence to resolve each challenge has contributed immensely to India's peace and promise of prosperity to its masses.

The position in the world that India holds today is due to the vision and wise foresight of Prime Minister Singh about the future of India. He has guided India toward extraordinary economic growth during the global recession, shaped institutions and inspired thought and purpose toward achieving edification of the whole populace.

Transcending politics and economics, world leaders have honored Dr. Singh as an exemplary statesman and a noble friend of the global community.

In this 90th year of the founding of our Indian association, we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the prime minister for providing every assistance and care to overseas Indians in Japan.

We at the ICCJ and the IMAY extend our prime minister a hearty and warm welcome for a happy, memorable and successful visit to Japan.



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