

AMBASSADOR OF INDIA

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MESSAGE

It is a great pleasure for me to extend my heartiest congratulations to the Indian Commerce and Industry Association of Japan (ICIJ) in my capacity as the Ambassador of India to Japan.

The ICIJ, led by its Hon'ble President Mr. Ryuko Hira and strongly supported by a committed team of Directors, Governors and Members, has played a vital role in promoting trade, investment and cultural ties between India and Japan. In these endeavours, the ICIJ has drawn upon a long history of ninety-five years beginning with the incorporation in 1921 of the Indian Merchants' Association of Yokohama which had, over the years, both witnessed, and participated in, the evolution of ties between India and Japan in earlier times.

The ICIJ has demonstrated a keen sense of purpose in bringing together large sections of the growing Indian community in Japan onto a common platform. The Indian community, whether in the field of business or information technology, is well-respected in Japan for its contribution both to its motherland, India, and to its land of adoption, Japan. It has played the role of an excellent "go-between" at the people-to-people level by fostering friendship and understanding.

The ICIJ has contributed in meaningful ways to forging closer links between States in India and Prefectures in Japan.

India and Japan have a Special Strategic & Global Partnership. The successful visit of the Prime Minister of India H.E. Shri Narendra Modi to Japan in September 2014, and the equally significant visit of the Prime Minister of Japan H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe to Japan in December 2015, have ushered in a new era of friendship and co-operation between our two countries. Our unique relations are founded on the affinities of Buddhism and a shared cultural heritage. As democracies, there is a convergence in our outlook in a rapidly changing world. Today, our trade and investment ties are experiencing a new spurt in growth and momentum.

I am confident that the ICIJ's dynamic leadership and members will together rise to the occasion and continue to distinguish themselves with dedication to the cause of realising the fullest potential of India's relations with Japan.

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(Sujan R. Chinoy)