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## Visit energizes bilateral strategic partnership

By H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy  
Ambassador of India

I deem it an honor to contribute to the special supplement published by The Japan News on the occasion of the ongoing two-day visit of H.E. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India to Japan, for the 11th annual bilateral Summit Meeting with H.E. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan. Prime Minister Modi's visit provides fresh impetus to our Special Strategic and Global Partnership.



H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy



Indian Prime Minister H.E. Narendra Modi

Relations between India and Japan are cemented by close bonds forged on the anvil of Buddhism. As two large democracies, we value openness, transparency and respect for the rule of law.

Our relationship is marked by a convergence on economic and strategic issues. As two prominent maritime states in the Indo-Pacific region, we are committed to the cause of peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

Japan is now a regular participant in the Malabar naval exercises with India and the United States. Dialogue between the three defense services provides a platform for closer cooperation, particularly in the fields of maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Promoting regional connectivity and an inclusive, balanced and open regional architecture is a common objective. India and Japan have condemned terrorism

in all its forms and manifestations with "zero tolerance" and have reaffirmed their deep concern about the continued threat posed by terrorists and terror groups.

With a projected gross domestic product growth rate of 7.6 percent in 2016, India has emerged as the world's fastest-growing large economy and as a global manufacturing hub. India's large domestic market, macro-economic stability and competitive low-cost manufacturing have made it an attractive investment destination.

India is strongly committed to improving the "ease of doing business." The passage of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, the setting up of Commercial Courts and new legislation regarding the Goods and Services Tax are expected to spur economic growth and foreign direct investment flows.

Today, Japan is the fourth largest investor in India. The Indian economy offers unparalleled opportunities to Japanese companies to participate in programmes including Make in India, Digital India, Skill

India, Smart Cities and Industrial Townships and Corridors. The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Railway Project is an example of our cooperation in the railway sector. India is now Japan's largest ODA (official development assistance) partner.

The role of private capital from Japan is integral to our burgeoning economic engagement. Japanese companies stand to benefit from low-cost manufacturing and the ample pool of competent human resources in India. The Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) Surveys in the last two years have consistently ranked India as the most preferred medium-term destination for Japanese manufacturing companies.

The people of India greatly admire Japan's culture of hard work, discipline and dedication just as the Japanese people admire India's diversity and spirituality. People-to-people exchanges are on the rise. India has recently revised its visa regime to facilitate travel for Japanese visitors. Japan's role in skills development, education and training programmes in India will benefit a large and youthful workforce.

India and Japan have a shared outlook on many global issues. Our cooperation in the field of clean energy, including nuclear energy, has enormous implications for our quest for sustainable growth. We look to strengthening cooperation on climate change and reform of the United Nations.

Together, we can play a significant role in charting the future of the Indo-Pacific region.

I am confident that ties between India and Japan will prove to be a defining relationship of the 21st century.

### Welcoming PM Modi for 2nd official visit

By Yoshiro Mori  
Chairman of the Japan-India Association

On behalf of the Japan-India Association, I have the immense pleasure to extend our hearty welcome to His Excellency Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to Japan again.

Since his tak-



Yoshiro Mori

ing the helm of the government of India in May 2014, Prime Minister Modi has been successfully reforming India through various campaigns such as "Make in India," "Skill India" and others.

I am particularly happy to note that the chemistry of Prime Ministers Mr. Shinzo Abe and Mr. Narendra Modi is remarkably fit to promote our security relations in East Asia and South Asia. Already, our economic cooperation through Japan's official development aid to India has produced many success

stories such as metro systems in major cities of India, the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor, and high speed train project with Shinkansen technology between Mumbai and Ahmedabad. Business relations are being accelerated and people-to-people contacts enlarged.

It is my hope that during Mr. Modi's visit, the pending agreement for nuclear cooperation for peaceful purposes, which has enormous implications to our bilateral relations and India's energy supply, will be finally signed.

### Business group enhancing bilateral cooperation

By Masami Iijima  
Chairman of the Japan-India Business Co-operation Committee and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

On behalf of the Japan-India Business Co-operation Committee, I would like to warmly and sincerely welcome His Excellency Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, to Japan.



Masami Iijima

Japan and India, as two major democratic countries in Asia, have long been building a good bilateral relationship. Following his previous visit in 2014, Prime Minister Modi's visit to Japan

this time continues a pattern of annual mutual visits by the prime ministers of the two countries.

When Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited India last December, the two leaders issued a joint statement on a range of issues, including the introduction of Japan's Shinkansen system to India. Japan and India agreed to transform the Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership into a deep, broad-based and action-oriented partnership, and it is greatly expected that the two countries will cooperate with each other even more closely in a range of fields to foster the peace and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region and the world.

The Japan-India Business Co-operation Committee was established in 1966 and has been holding joint meetings with its Indian counterpart, the

India-Japan Business Co-operation Committee, on a regular basis. We held the 41st joint meeting last month and discussed various issues to enhance bilateral trade and investment relations between the two countries in a very cordial atmosphere. In the closing ceremony, we adopted a joint statement with an attached list, "Progress and Bottlenecks of Projects between Japan and India," and shared the progress on the projects that are being conducted cooperatively by India and Japan since the last joint meeting held in New Delhi in November 2014. We sincerely request both governments to work toward early solutions on the issues related to each project.

Finally, let me welcome Prime Minister Modi to Japan once again and express my hope for the further growth of India.

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## Kobe Indian community welcomes Modi

By Shri Ram Kalani Pessumal  
Honorary President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce Japan

Today, Friday, Nov. 11, in the midst of autumn we are honored to welcome his Excellency Shri Narendra Modi to Japan. Furthermore, we are honored to have him visit Kobe as well and meet with the Indian community.

It is a pleasure for us to see the leader of India enforce and build the

relationship between Japan and India to heights never seen before.

Prime Minister Modi has extended tireless effort and vision throughout India and the world. His vision allows us to dream of a new India that the world would marvel at.



Shri Ram Kalani Pessumal

Prime Ministers Modi and Shinzo Abe are expected to execute an unprecedented deal for two civil nuclear reactors to be built in India. This would help to fill the gap in the energy requirements of India. As India grows, its energy consumption requirements for 1.2 billion people need to be fulfilled.

In addition to this deal, an agreement is expected for India to purchase the US-2, a specialized rescue plane manufactured by ShinMaywa of Kobe. A visit to a high-speed

Shinkansen train factory will also be expected since Shri Modi is visiting Kobe.

Prime Minister Modi's visit comes at a time that is much needed for the Japan-India relationship as his presence and actions convince the Japanese further that however difficult it may seem to do business in India, it is possible and profitable by reigniting the flame of opportunities that India has to offer to Japan.

Change is not easy, especially when many old ideas and thoughts are considered to be the norms. Introducing revolutionary change through technology would help people achieve their goals, which is exactly Prime Minister Modi's intention in building a stronger nation.

With the Prime Minister's scheduled visit to Kobe on Nov. 12, another main priority of his trip is to ensure that he keeps closely in touch with the India diaspora in

Kobe. The Indian communities continue to be the beacon of Indian friendship throughout Japan. The generations of Indians that have lived in Japan and integrated with the Japanese are the gateways for Japan to India.

However short the trip to Japan, we wish Prime Minister Modi a successful journey and applaud him for the level of commitment in the relationship and friendship between Japan and India.

Jai Hind.

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## 'Reform, perform, transform' Modi's mantra

By Ryuko Hira  
Hon. President, ICIJ

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mass revolution of the country's massive development is unprecedented in history. India is just entering the hyper-growth phase, with prospects of sustaining high gross domestic product growth rates. The process will transform India dramatically.



Ryuko Hira

The effect of revolutionary changes will be felt at all levels through urbanization, evolving socio-cultural values and growing international influence. It is a holistic, benevolent revolution which also contributes to economic growth of partner nations. Mahatma Gandhi made freedom of India a mass revolution whereas Prime Minister Modi has made development a mass revolution to fight poverty, protectionism, and all that impedes the social and economic progress of India.

### Indian youth to lead world

Demographic shifts have a huge impact on economic performance. Younger workers are more open to new technologies.

The decrease of the working population in developed countries is creating global demand. 800 million Indian youths will provide a global workforce, especially in health services, hi-tech, space, artificial intelligence, robotics and as teachers of science and mathematics.

To deliver the highest quality durable products and to globally

raise brand India, Prime Minister Modi has established a special Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The world will acknowledge India's youth talent. The number of Indian youths who visit Japan for learning and working is projected to reach 10,000 in the next five years.

### 'Make in India' campaign

With skilled human resources, effective governance and low-cost production of 26 priority sectors, India is the best choice for 1,400 Japanese companies successfully operating now in India.

This number is set to quadruple within the next five years, with potential to equal the 22,000 Japanese companies in China.

### Electricity, renewable energy

In the last one year, wind energy output increased 40 percent. Solar energy increased 116 percent. Two years before the Modi government was inaugurated, there were 30,000 kilometers of transmission lines. The overall network has since increased to 50,000 kilometers.

Prime Minister Modi said India will bring electricity to those 18,000 villages where even after 70 years of independence there is no electricity. "People there are compelled to live in the 18th century. We are resolved to convert the impossible to possible," he said. As a result, about 10,000 villages out of 18,000 have already received electricity.

### Review of multiplicity of laws

The burden of a multiplicity of laws is creating trouble for the government, judiciary and the citizens. Identifying 1,700 such laws and abolishing 1,175 laws, the Modi government intends to



Narendra Modi, right, meets Sathya Sai Baba, left, then chancellor of Sathya Sai University, who died in 2011, during Modi's visit to Baba's home of Sundaram in Chennai City on Nov. 7, 2003.

abolish the remaining such laws.

### Inflation

India has not allowed its inflation rate to go beyond 6 percent. Currently an agreement with the Reserve Bank of India, the country's central bank, is to take steps to control inflation to 4 percent, plus-minus 2 percent.

### Irrigation, seeds, fertilizers

For water management, irrigation and water conservation, to use each and every drop of water, to increase utilization of water, per drop-more crop, micro-irrigation is being emphasized. To reduce the costs for farmers, the government has taken a big step toward solar pumps with free solar power. So far, the Modi government has been successful in distributing 77,000 solar pumps.

Our scientists have developed more than 131 new varieties of seeds suitable to India's environment. These will increase high-quality per-hectare yield.

Now, a shortage of fertilizers has become an issue of past. The government has succeeded in increasing the production of fertilizers and built additional go-downs to protect 15 million tons of produce. This will fulfill Prime Minister Modi's dream of doubling the farmers' income by 2022.

### LPG links to underprivileged

The government has taken on the task of providing LPG connections. Indian Prime Minister Modi aims to provide gas cooking to 50 million poor families. The figure of nearly 5 million families was reached in just 100 days.

## India on superpower path thanks to Modi revolution

By Ryuko Hira  
Sai Hira India Foundation

Define "superpower." That was a question by one of India's revered educators, Prof. S.N. Saraf. For the benefit of students attending the course on Indian culture in May 1990, Chancellor Sri Sathya Sai replied: "All kinds of power, whether physical, intellectual, monetary, military or political have to bend before truth and righteousness that will always triumph."

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's schemes to transform India economically and socially into a superpower are firmly embedded in his unshakable faith in the supreme power of truth and righteousness. Mr. Modi has chosen the city of Varanasi, India's spiritual capital, as his electoral constituency. Mr. Modi's leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the latest general election was based on the noble ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Atal

Bihari Vajpayee and others, obtaining an absolute majority in the lower house for the first time in 30 years.

Prime Minister Modi has not spared a single moment or a single chance to selflessly serve the nation, not taking a single day of vacation.

His government has given optimism, hope and expectations for a dynamic change with an assurance that it will be successful within the duration of its term.

The National Intelligence Council of the United States has forecast India would become an economic superpower by 2030. The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, World Economic Forum and credit rating agencies of the world have praised India's progress.

In the global economy, India will reach third position in the next two years, affecting the rest of the world in international trade and finance. Its role in the world will grow in the next 13 years to become a social and economic superpower.

### Post office reform

India has revived and rejuvenated its post offices. It has taken a step to convert our post offices into payment banks.

Economic progress alone cannot guarantee a strong India — a strong society is a guarantee for a strong India and a strong society is made by ensuring

social justice.

Prime Minister Modi's revolution has successfully changed the very mind-set of Indian people by creating a new work culture, which was reflected in recent opinion polls with the highest ratings, honoring Prime Minister Modi as one of the world's most revered statesmen.

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