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India, Japan enjoy close relationship built on respect

Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa
AMBASSADOR OF INDIA

On the occasion of the 65th Republic Day of India, I extend my warm greetings to Their Majesties, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan, and also to the government and the friendly people of Japan. I call on my fellow Indian compatriots and persons of Indian origin living in Japan to mark this important day by solemnly rededicating themselves to the profound ideals enshrined in our constitution, which forms the basis of our unique identity.

This year's Republic Day is a very special one in the history of India-Japan relations as His Excellency, Prime Minister Shinzo



Abe, will be the chief guest at our Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi. This is indeed a significant moment in our journey of friendship.

Jan. 26, 1950, the day on which India became a Republic and adopted a constitution written by its own people, was an important milestone in the history of our nation. The Indian Republic has come a long way in these six decades of its existence. Today, India is the largest democracy in the world and our people are proud of this achievement. The manner in which we have kept the flame of democracy burning has few parallels in the developing world.

In recent years, our democracy has also been a crucible for inclusive economic growth in a globalized world. The Indian economy, though not unaffected by the global economic



President of India Pranab Mukherjee



Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh

slowdown, cannot be kept down and is already showing signs of reviving. Our strong fundamentals, such as the potential of a gigantic market, youthful demographics, availability of technical manpower at relatively low cost

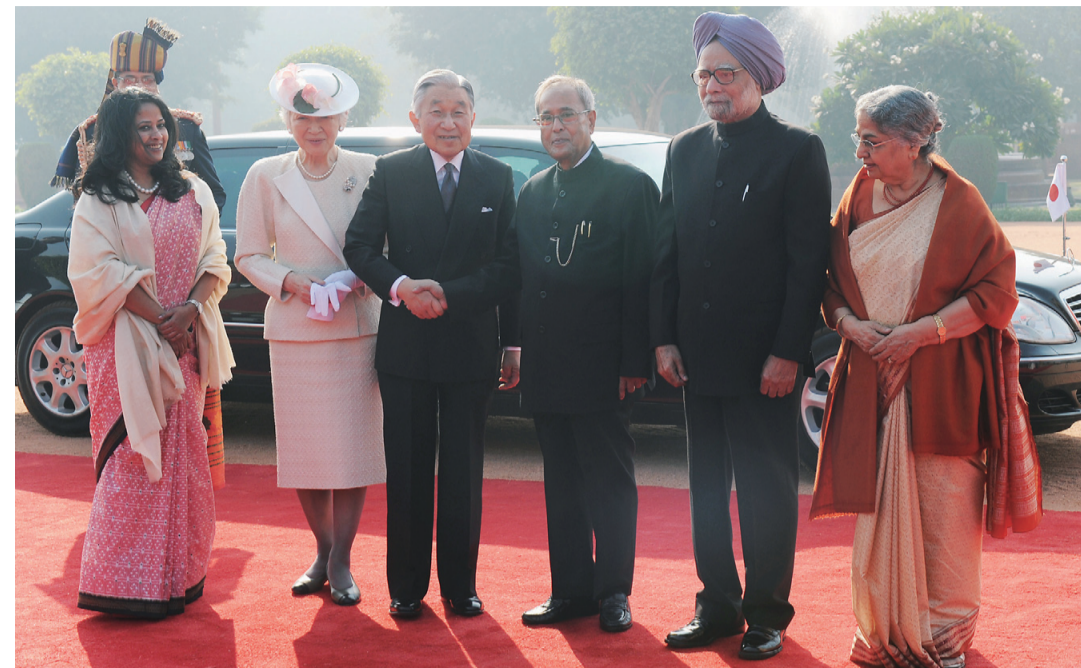
and a culture of entrepreneurship, have all ensured that India's growth story is intact. The government of India is committed to further reforms to make India friendly to investors, both domestic and foreign. As the coun-

try goes to the polls later in the year, it will be the world's largest show of participatory democracy with an electorate of nearly 725 million deciding on their government of choice.

India's polity and economy offer a set of unique complements with Japan. Our history is rooted in civilizational affinity and we have carried on the positive legacies of the old association into the present, bound by common aspirations of strengthening democracy, the prosperity of our people and ushering in a world order based on international law. In the emerging configuration of the world, in which the responsibility of ensuring order and stability will, to a large extent, fall to the world's leading democracies, India as the largest democracy in Asia and Japan as the most prosperous, will need to work in close partnership to ensure peace and prosperity not only in Asia, but in the world at large.

We are fortunate that we enjoy good relations free of any kind of dispute. Our relationship is one of mutual regard and respect, manifested through generous support to each other in times of need. We are grateful to the government and people of Japan for their assistance in the economic development of India, especially in helping to build infrastructure projects which will change the Indian landscape. India is now the leading recipient of ODA from Japan. These soft loans are helping to implement mega infrastructure projects such as the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor, the Delhi-Mumbai Dedicated Freight Corridor and the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor. These projects will impact the lives of nearly 20 percent of our population.

On the economic front, our countries are committed to raise bilateral trade to \$25 billion by 2014, while continuing and expand investment. There is discernible interest in India among Japanese corporates, which is evidenced by the growing num-



Historic and momentous occasion: Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko are welcomed by Indian President Pranab Mukherjee (third from right) and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (second from right) at a reception in New Delhi on Dec. 2, during their week-long visit to India, a country they last visited in 1960. EMBASSY OF INDIA

ber of companies setting up offices and manufacturing hubs in India. As Japan's economy shows signs of recovery, its continued importance as a major industrial power remains undiminished. India's importance in the emerging architecture of the world economy is, at the same time, acknowledged worldwide. This is why Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh called Japan a "natural and indispensable partner."

An examination of today's changed circumstances, the transformation that has taken place in India, the challenges and opportunities that have been thrown up by a multipolar world order and the advent of globalization, and the wide areas of convergence and synergies between our two countries, show that the time for imparting new content and fresh dynamism to our old relationship is at hand.

It is this recognition of the mutual advantage in enhancing and widening the ambit of the bilat-

eral relationship that has driven Indo-Japan ties over the past 15 years. The inflection point was the Japan-India Global and Strategic Partnership in the 21st century entered into by Prime Ministers Manmohan Singh and Shinzo Abe in 2006. Since the launch of the global and strategic partnership, bilateral relations have been guided by annual summits between the two Prime Ministers held in New Delhi and Tokyo. This has helped not only in sustaining the momentum but also providing the necessary direction for the future.

The relationship reached a new peak with the visit of the Emperor and Empress of Japan, to India last year. This visit was a historic and momentous occasion for both India and Japan, signaling a new era of maturity and closeness. Significantly, the visit extended beyond political and economic ties, to bind together the people of the two countries.

We greatly value our friend-

ship with Japan. We wish to work with our Japanese friends to fully realize the untapped potential for cooperation. We seek to forge bonds between our two countries, which will encompass political and strategic ties, ensure a sustaining and symbiotic economic engagement and, most importantly, build bridges of understanding and mutual appreciation between our people.

I am confident that 2014 will see a further deepening of friendship between India and Japan. Though this year is to be an election year in India, whatever the outcome, we are assured of the continued strengthening of our relationship because there is bipartisan support, spanning all political parties, for intensifying political and economic ties with Japan. We look forward to working closely with the Japanese government, businesses, industries and the public at large to realize the common desire of our two peoples for peace, progress and prosperity.



In the public eye: As the chief guest invited to watch India's Republic Day parade in New Delhi on Sunday, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe waves soon after his arrival at the event. AP

Further develop friendly relations

Yoshiro Mori
CHAIRMAN, THE JAPAN-INDIA
ASSOCIATION

It is a great pleasure for me, as Chairman of the Japan-India Association, to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the government and the people of India on the occasion of the 65th Republic Day of India on Jan. 26, 2014.

I feel extremely happy to mention that relations between Japan and India were accelerated to higher levels last year when Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko visited India as state guests at the invitation of the Government of India from the end of November to the beginning of December.

Their visit came more than 50 years since they had last visited India as Crown Prince and Princess. Before the Imperial visit, the visit of H.E. Dr. Manmohan



Singh, Prime Minister of India and Mrs. Singh to Japan in May 2013 represented a significant and important milestone, which reinforced the ever developing close ties between the two countries.

On that occasion, the Japan-India Association, in association with Japan-India Parliamentary Friendship League and the International Friendship Exchange Council, organized a speech by Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. The lecture was aimed to give Indian perceptions and policy directions on Japan-India relations to Japanese nationals. The lecture was a great success and attended by as many as 300 people, who appreciated very much the Prime Minister's very positive messages.

Under the above circumstances, I am determined to make the utmost efforts to make the year 2014 one of further development of friendly and cordial relations with India.

At the outset of the new year, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is ex-

pected to visit India as the chief guest of the 65th Republic Day of India on Jan. 26, 2014. This is the first time this honor has been given to a Japanese leader.

In the field of bilateral cooperation, the three symbolic big projects between our two countries, the ongoing projects of the Delhi-Mumbai Dedicated Freight Corridor, the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor as well as the newly agreed to Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor continue to progress. India continues to be the largest Japanese overseas development aid recipient, and engages herself, in cooperation with Japan, in infrastructure building, including electricity and transportation systems; poverty alleviation; developing human resources; and environmental projects ranging from reforestation to water supply and sewerage issues. Using the very successful Delhi Metro project as a model, similar construction projects of urban Metro-systems are being implemented in Ban-

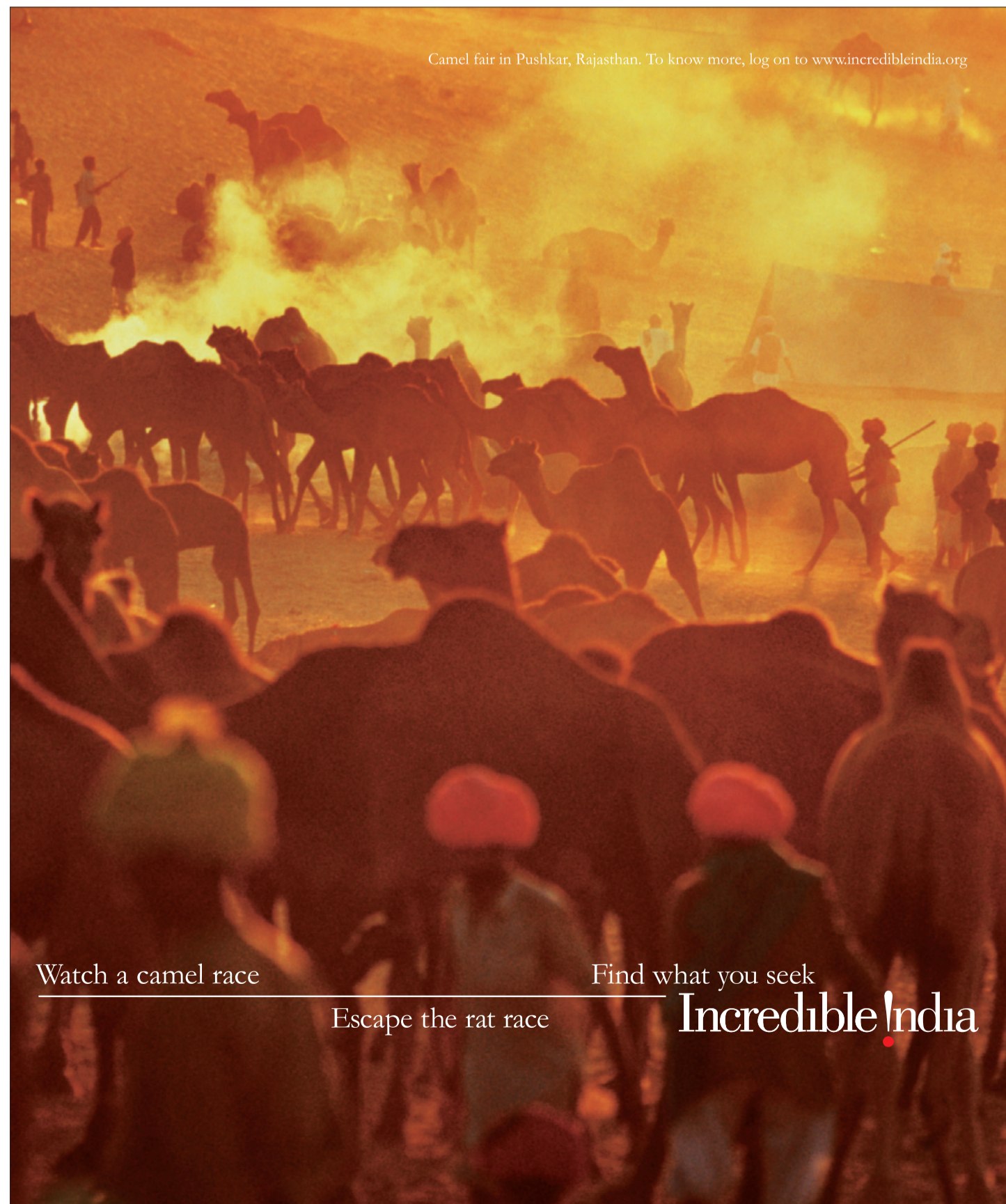
galore, Chennai, Kolkata with financing through Japanese ODA.

Japanese direct investment has also been rapidly increasing. Japanese companies now stretch across India and number about 1000 as of October 2013. Some Indian businesses have ventured into the Marunouchi area, the business center of Tokyo, in addition to other areas of Tokyo, Osaka-Kobe and Yokohama. The Japan-India Association welcomes and extends support to the activities of Indian people in Japan.

On the international front, our two countries are jointly contributing to the global community by cooperating in many areas of such global issues as the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the fight against pandemics and the reform of the United Nation Security Council.

Finally I would like, on this auspicious occasion, to pray for the happiness of these two great nations and for the peace and prosperity of the international community at large.

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New exchanges needed

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The Japan-India Parliamentarians' Friendship League would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the people of India on the occasion of the 65th Republic Day of India.



India, the world's largest democracy, is one of Japan's most important partners. Japan and India share universal values, such as democracy, human rights and the rule of law, while maintaining friendly relations founded on a long history of exchanges. Since the "Strategic and Global Partner-

ship" was established in 2006, we have elevated the bilateral relationship to a new level. After my assumption of the office of the President of the Japan-India Parliamentarians' Friendship League in May last year, I and other members of the Japan-India Parliamentarians' Friendship League had the opportunity to visit India last December.

Last year was historical when Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko visited India for the first time in 53 years. I was extremely grateful for the warm welcome the Indian people extended to the Imperial Couple and am confident the relationship between the two countries will continue to develop.

Indian Prime Minister H.E. Dr. Manmohan Singh visited Japan in May last year, and Dr. Singh

and Prime Minister Abe signed a joint statement titled "Strengthening the Strategic and Global Partnership Between Japan and India Beyond the 65th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations." Prime Minister Abe joined in celebrating the 65th anniversary of India's Republic Day with Prime Minister Singh and the people of India. Based on these summit level exchanges, I expect exchanges between the two countries to expand further across wide ranging fields at all levels.

The Japan-India Parliamentarians' Friendship League remains strongly committed to actively contributing to further deepening partnerships between our two countries. I send my best wishes to the people of India for their further prosperity and for the continued development of our cordial relationship.

Working to build ties and deepen relations

Masami Iijima
CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-INDIA BUSINESS
COOPERATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Japan-India Business Cooperation Committee, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate India on the 65th Republic Day.



On this day in 1950 India became a republic, having gained independence in 1947. India currently has the highest population of any democracy in the world and, under the leadership of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, India has made steady progress as one of the world's major economies, playing an important role in international society while increasing its presence and influence in the global arena.

In 2013, one year after the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and India, Em-

peror Akihito visited India for the first time in 53 years. Now, with Prime Minister Abe's attendance at the 65th Republic Day parade, I believe we are seeing another significant contribution toward the development of friendly relations between our countries.

India is an extremely important economic partner for Japan, not only with its large domestic market, but also as a manufacturing base for the export of goods to Asia, the Middle East and other countries. More than 1,000 Japanese companies, from an increasingly broad range of industries have already established operations in India. Progress is continuing with the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor, the Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor and the Special Economic Zone, with high expectations for the economic development these major initiatives will facilitate. Meanwhile, we are seeing new business seeds being planted in Japan as Indian companies, particularly in the IT and pharmaceutical fields, turn to the

Japanese market.

The Japan-India Business Cooperation Committee, of which I am the current Chairman, was established in July 1966. Since then, like our counterparts at the India-Japan Business Cooperation Committee, we have been holding meetings with the aim of building ties and deepening relationships between our countries' industries. At our 38th meeting, held in Tokyo last year, we welcomed participants from more than 70 Indian companies — and this was just one event in a very active three days of investment seminars, discussions and receptions.

There is clearly a high mutual level of interest, and we intend to build on this by seeking participation from more companies and providing useful, dynamic opportunities for exchange.

In closing, I would like to once again congratulate the people of India on the 65th Republic Day, and offer my support for the ongoing development and prosperity of India.

Working to strengthen relations and promote sustainable economic growth

Hiromasa Yonekura
CHAIRMAN, KEIDANREN (JAPAN BUSINESS
FEDERATION)



On behalf of Keidanren, I would like to offer heartfelt congratulations on the 65th Republic Day of India. India has achieved remarkable economic development in recent years, attracting global attention as one of the most robust emerging nations. Economic relations between India and Japan are expanding steadily as the Japanese economy is back on a path to recovery, and we in the Japanese business community are stepping up efforts to enhance Japan-

India cooperation in various fields.

In December, Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko visited India for the first time in 53 years and received a warm welcome from the people of India. The Japanese business community, and the people of Japan as a whole, are delighted the friendship between the two countries has been further deepened by their visit.

On the economic front, we have been greatly encouraged by strong progress in the development of institutional partnerships between Japan and India, including the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) launched in August 2011 and the Social Security Agreement ratified by the governments of both countries in December 2013. Building on this momentum, the

Japanese business community is going to accelerate efforts to further strengthen the partnership and promote sustainable growth in both economies — in particular, the endeavor to realize the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor and the Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor, the infrastructure development projects symbolizing Japan-India economic cooperation. We are convinced that if we can help enhance India's hard and soft infrastructures by undertaking projects in such areas as thermal, nuclear and renewable power generation, railways, seaports, roads and environmental technology, where Japan has strength, it should lead to a rapid expansion of Japanese corporate investment in India and spur the growth of the Indian economy.

It is our hope that Prime Minister Abe's visit to India on the occasion of the 65th Republic Day will give a boost to the strategic and global partnership between the governments of Japan and India and that both governments will take this opportunity to press ahead with their efforts to conclude a bilateral nuclear cooperation agreement and to improve the business environment, including tax rules and distribution systems.

We also sincerely hope the visit by the Prime Minister and Japanese business delegation to India this time will further promote the friendship and partnership between Japan and India and help make their economic ties even stronger.

Reaching for the skies — India's space technology at its best

Although not widely known, India today has end-to-end capabilities in space; the country builds and launches its own heavy duty rockets in addition to designing and building some of the most sophisticated satellites. In a singular achievement, India's Mars Orbiter Mission or Mangalyaan, an unmanned satellite, is today racing to rendezvous with the Red planet, making India part of a select club of 6 that have dared to undertake the over 680-million-kilometer journey.

In 2009, India's maiden mission to the moon, Chandrayaan-1 brought back the first clear evidence of the presence of water on the parched lunar surface. In more down to Earth missions, Indian satellites are also helping locate underground water aquifers for some of the poorest and marginal people of India. In a way, India's space technology is helping everyone.

With 10 satellites in orbit, India has the largest fleet of communication satellites in space among all countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

India today invests about \$1 billion annually in the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) which is the custodian

of all space technology for the country. It was set up in 1969 and today employs about 16,000 people. India launches its rockets from the high-tech space port of Sriharikota situated some 80 kilometers north of Chennai on the coast of the Bay of Bengal. Some 40 rockets have blasted off from the twin launch pads. India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), a versatile workhorse ISRO rocket with an enviable record of 24 consecutive successful launches, has been commercially used by the Italians, Israelis and the French to hoist their own satellites. In all, India has launched a total of about 35 foreign satellites from its soil.

India is known as the information technology capital of the world with a booming software industry and none of that would have been possible without the availability of communication satellites that could connect in real time Bangalore with Boston and all other such hubs. A flourishing domestic media ecosystem thrives and survives on satellite based linkages. India's communication satellites have helped spawn more than 500 entertainment and private news television channels, in a way bolstering and supporting the world's largest democracy with a population of 1.21 billion make the right decisions. The demand for space-based transponders is



Blast off: India's maiden mission to Mars spectacularly lifted off from Sriharikota off the coast of the Bay of Bengal on Nov. 5, carried by India's own Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle. ISRO

so high that ISRO is unable to meet the requirements and is forced to hire space from foreign vendors.

In July 2013, ISRO made a foray in yet another field of satellite applications — satellite

navigation. IRNSS-1A, the first satellite of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System being developed by the country, was successfully launched by PSLV. When fully ready it will be complimentary to the American global positioning system that so many have become familiar with while using it on mobile devices.

Not everything has been magical; ISRO is struggling to master the art of flying the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV), India's heavier rocket that suffered back-to-back failures in 2010. This rocket can hoist 2.5 ton class of communication satellites and its modified variant could well be the preferred rocket for launching Indians into space using Indian rockets from Indian soil.

Interplanetary leap

India's sojourn to the Red Planet began on a balmy afternoon, when India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle or PSLV lifted off, blazing a trail in the sky. The dreams of a billion plus people are riding on a small 1340 kilogram satellite which is now heading for Mars. A space mission which aims for Mars, yet has national pride written all over it and a deep desire by India to

become the first Asian nation to orbit Mars.

The Indian Space Research Organisation prefers to call it the Mars Orbiter Mission. It is an unmanned satellite that has been conceived, designed and fabricated by Indian scientists. The cost of the entire maiden Indian Mars mission is about \$70 million and about 500 scientists had toiled to fabricate it from scratch in a record-breaking 15 months. A low cost mission no doubt. K. Radhakrishnan, chairman of ISRO explains this Indian Mars mission is really a 'technology demonstrator', essentially showcasing to the world that India can undertake 'interplanetary leaps'. To date only Japan, China, Russia, USA and the European Space Agency have even attempted space travel to Mars, of these only the latter three have succeeded. Since 1960, some 51 missions have been launched, about a third of which have ended in disaster, the most recent being the Chinese failure in 2011. If India does make it to Mars, it would really only be the third individual nation in the world to have done it all on its own after USA and Russia. The European Space Agency has also

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India development boosts Japan economy

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On behalf of the ICCJ, congratulations to all readers on India's 65th Republic Day.



Declining domestic consumption and exports have motivated Japanese corporates to participate in India's economic development.

Major Japanese corporates in pharmaceuticals, automobiles, construction machinery, railways, electricity and water supply infrastructure projects and heavy industry have made substantial long term commitments in India. Japanese companies have made India their Asian base for re-exports to Africa and other countries.

India's annual trade deficit with Japan is approximately \$6 billion, which has accumulated in the last decade to nearly \$50 billion. India is aiming for a zero trade deficit by increasing exports of marine products, processed foods, high-end garments, gems, jewelry and other

value added items, and software development.

The success of Bollywood and other Indian movies in Japan have aroused great interest for tourism to India. The rapid development of roads, ports and airports have substantially reduced inland travel time, making business or pleasure visits easier and more enjoyable. Academic, scientific and technological exchanges continue to grow significantly.

The recent visit to Japan of the Cabinet Minister for Textiles H.E. Dr. Kavuru Sambasiva Rao and the accompanying delegation has aroused great interest among young Japanese fashion designers to adopt the wide range of Indian textiles for manufacturing garments for Japanese consumers. The collaboration between Japanese and Indian designers will emerge in a whole new trend of Japanized Indian fashion. Such bilateral cooperation is seen at eight campuses of India's National Institute of Fashion Technology, which has 8,000 students studying design.

The popularity of fresh Indian food at reasonable prices has caused an Indian cuisine boom,

with an estimated 5,000 restaurants across Japan. Compared to the popularity of Indian food in England, which boasts about 25,000 Indian restaurants, Japan is still in the evolutionary stage. Popular Indian cuisine has aroused great consumer interest in premium brands of Indian beer, whiskey and wines. Bumper harvests of sweet Indian grapes, strictly monitored to French standards, have resulted in a steady increase of imports in Japan. French, Italian and Portuguese wineries are India's main buyers, while Indian tropical fruit has produced excellent fruit liquors.

The presence of the Bank of India in Japan for six decades has resulted in a number of vital projects, most noteworthy of which is the opening of Dai Ichi Life Insurance in India.

The Bank of India is one of the main clearing banks for the Bombay Stock Exchange, which is planning to list an index of Indian equities on the Tokyo Stock Exchange to enable corporate and retail investors to purchase Indian equities.

The number of financial institutions compared to Japan is minimal. To overcome the shortage of financial institutions, The Reserve Bank of India has received applications for 30 new banks to be established in the nearest future.

2014 and beyond holds great potential for sustained Japanese growth by timely and meaningful participation of Japanese corporates in making India into a developed nation. ICCJ Tokyo in its 94th year shall continue to dedicate itself to the Indian agenda in Japan.

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I convey to the readers our heartiest felicitations on the 65th Republic Day of India.

Last year, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko visited India for the first time in 53 years. The people of India felt very happy with their visit and the relations between the two great nations Japan and India became closer than ever.

This is the time of elections in India and the whole world is watching us with great interest to see who will lead the country.

Who will lead the country?

It's a good question, and if anybody asks me, my reply will be that it's in the hands of the Indian people, those who have the right to vote in the election.

First of all, it's their duty to get out of their houses or offices to give their most valuable vote to the most capable person, whom they think belongs to the party that can lead the country to peace and prosperity.

So I think that the public holds the power without which politicians cannot be elected. Investors from all over the world are waiting and watching with keen interest.

Japan is our biggest partner in every field of life and India is the biggest buyer for many things from Japan, so we need each other during the global recession and financial crises. Indo-Japan investment has already expanded and it is expected trade figures will be increase more in the coming years.

Tourism increasing in both countries. Indian food is already very popular in Japan and Japanese cuisine is also gaining popularity in India. We should not ignore the cultural programs, which require more attention by both countries, to bring India and Japan closer to each other.

Rocketing toward Mars

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reached Mars. So, is this a giant leap or a foolhardy step by a nation that still can't provide electricity to 400 million of its population and where 600 million people still defecate in the open? It all depends on which side of the divide you belong. But nobody doubts that the Mangalyaan is truly the cheapest interplanetary mission to be undertaken ever by any country and now it may well pave the way for low-cost access to Mars.

India is already planning its second visit to the moon with Chandrayaan-2, which will possibly land on the lunar surface India's own rover; a satellite to study the Sun, called Aditya is being built; and the ISRO is already eyeing a visit to a passing asteroid.

While the Indian government has yet to clear a full-fledged human space flight program, it has sanctioned enough seed money so that Indian space technologists can master the technologies needed for orbiting an astronaut in space. As of now, the country has no plans of sending

humans to the moon or to Mars. In an interesting recent development, the Indian and American space agencies are exploring the real possibility of jointly making a radar satellite that would help study climate change and sea level rise.

"We will not turn our backs to help India alleviate poverty and will fully help in the country's development process," says ISRO chairman K. Radhakrishnan, yet he asserts "this Mars mission is a historical necessity, after having helped find water on the moon, looking for signatures of life on Mars is a natural progression. India is now demonstrating its capability to undertake interplanetary travel with end-to-end technological prowess in space."

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