

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Japan-India Diplomatic Relations

Recalling 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and India, the two Governments, in cooperation with their respective stakeholders, will celebrate 2027 as the **Japan-India Year of Shared Horizons**. Both sides will work together in planning and holding commemorative programmes, throughout the year and across the nations, with particular participation of the youth of both countries, including the following:

- 1. Japan-India Week**

The week of 28 April 2027 will be designated as the *Japan-India Week* to mark the establishment of diplomatic relations through coordinated outreach activities.

- 2. 75th Anniversary Logo and Theme Competition**

A logo and theme competition will be launched, inviting the people of both countries to envision the future of the Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

- 3. IMAGE-75: Manga, Anime, Gaming Partnership**

Building on the growing resonance of Japanese manga, anime and gaming among Indian youth and India's emergence as a major hub for animation, gaming, comics and immersive creative technologies, IMAGE-75 will be launched to support people-to-people exchanges and promote co-creation in such areas.

- 4. Shared Future-75**

To generate ideas for the next phase of the Special Strategic and Global Partnership, academics, experts, industry and youth voices will be brought together to develop policy recommendations for both Governments towards a peaceful, prosperous, resilient and sustainable shared future. The 2nd

edition of the *Ideathon* will be held, with participation of Japanese and Indian students, with a view to exploring our innovative future by traveling several cities in India.

5. RASA-75: Rang, Sur and Sakura

RASA-75 will be launched as a year-long Japan-India arts and culture journey celebrating the colours, sounds, movements and living traditions of both countries, bringing together performing, visual and traditional arts practitioners, cultural institutions, and young creators from both countries.

6. Buddhist Pilgrimage Initiative

A Buddhist delegation from Japan will be invited to India to undertake a spiritual tour of the important Buddhist sites. Such initiatives will serve to highlight the civilisational and spiritual ties between Japan and India and promote Buddhist tourism from Japan to India.

7. SPORT-75: Sports Performance Partnership

SPORT-75 will be launched to promote human exchanges and cooperation between Japan and India in the field of sports, taking note of India's ambition to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2036. Celebrating cricket as an emerging bridge of friendship between the peoples of Japan and India, an India-Japan Friendship Cricket Match will be organized during the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026 as a curtain-raiser to the 75th anniversary celebrations. Further, both sides will launch Cricket Kizuna-75, under which two coaches from India will visit Japan for conducting a week-long cricket bootcamp for budding Japanese cricketers, further strengthening youth and sporting exchanges between Japan and India. The Japan-India Sports week will be held in February 2027, including an *Ekiden* (a team relay running) event in Delhi NCR to promote sprits of Japan-India collaboration in sports.

8. Business Connect-75

Building on the Next-Gen State-Prefecture Partnership, Business Connect-75 will be launched to catalyse direct linkages between Indian business clusters and Japanese regional banks and their client enterprises. India-focused roadshows, business roundtables, cluster visits and curated business interactions will be organised with the participation of Japanese regional banks, Indian States, financial institutions, industry bodies and business associations.

9. MIRAI-VIGYAN-75

Highlighting the long-standing collaboration in science, technology, and innovation between the two nations, special commemorative events to promote Japan-India academic cooperation will be organized in 2027, including the landmark collaboration on the LUPEX (Lunar Polar Exploration) Mission, the IIT-H Japan Day and the Japan India Universities Forum.

10. Empower Regional Linkage -75

Recognizing that regional linkages play an important role in deepening economic and people-to-people connections between the two countries, the two Governments will further accelerate promotion of the State-Prefecture partnerships between local governments, facilitate their mutual visits to commemorate the 75th Anniversary, and support networking of local governments, including Japan-India Governors' Network for Friendship and Exchange.