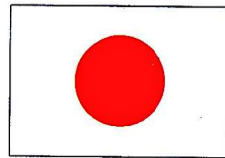




50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE  
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# EXHIBITION OF ARTS INTRODUCING JAPANESE CULTURE



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## Message

I am glad to learn that the Indo-Japanese Association, Tokyo, is arranging a Friendship Week in cooperation with various counterpart friendship organizations in the different regions of India to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of India's independence. This demonstrates yet again the vast goodwill that the members of this Association have for India and their commitment to the further strengthening and expansion of mutually beneficial bilateral relations.

The Association has been making commendable efforts for a number of years to promote better understanding and friendship between our peoples. The events being organized in India will provide to a wide cross-section of the peoples an opportunity to learn more about Japanese art and culture.

My best wishes to the Indo-Japanese Association for the successful conduct of the cultural programs.

Siddharth Singh  
Ambassador of India to Japan

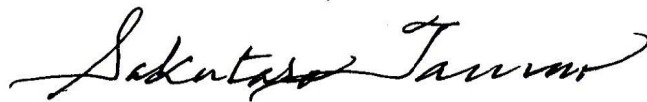
## Message

I am delighted to learn that the Indo-Japanese Association, Japan is bringing Exhibition of Arts Introducing Japanese Culture to be presented under the title " Indo-Japanese Friendship Week" in the major cities of India, beginning 15th August, 1997, through mid March, 1998.

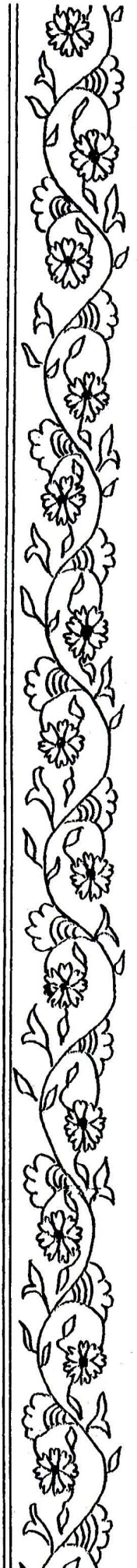
It is gratifying to note that the bilateral relationship between India and Japan has acquired a significant vibrancy, particularly in the economic sphere. Happily, at the same time, interactions in diverse fields like academics, science, culture, etc., are also steadily gaining strenght, widening the horizons of our centuries—old bilaterallties.

I earnestly hope that the exhibition will help promote exchanges and deepen mutual understanding between the peoples of our two countries.

I greatly commend the activities of the Indo-Japanese Association, Japan, bringing our two people closer to each other and send my best wishes for the success of the Exhibition.



Sakutarō Tanino  
Ambassador of Japan to India





## Message

On behalf of the Indo-Japanese Association, Japan, I would like to heartily congratulate the people of India on the Golden jubilee of the India's Independence. I pay respect to the people of India and their leaders for building up a new nation by overcoming many hardships and difficulties and for maintaining the unity of the nation, in a democratic way, under the guidance of the great leaders. I admire the remarkable economic development India has made these years. This, I think, attributes to hard-working of the people of India and pertinent economic policy of the Government of India. To express our congratulatory feeling we call for our counterparts, so called Indo-Japanese Friendship Organizations in India, to hold joint functions in each local city in India. We name the function "Indo-Japanese Friendship Week (IJFW)" and the core attraction of IJFW is "Exhibition of Arts introducing Japanese Culture" which we present in India with financial help of the Japan Foundation. The artists, who bring in their works for the Exhibition, in some way or other, are related to India. Most of them have been to India and returned home with strong artistic impression about India. I would like to thank our partners in ten different cities in India for accepting jointly holding IJFWs in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence. During official celebration period, I wish as many Members of our Association as possible, visit India to join the celebration of IJFW to share the joy with the local people of India.

I myself plan to visit India this coming August and look forward to meeting new President of India to express "Congratulations!".

I wish this Exhibition a great success and it will make the tie of India and Japan closer and stronger.

*Y. Sakurachi*

Yoshio Sakurachi  
Padma Bhushan Winner

President,  
The Indo-Japanese Association  
Japan