



Agenda

Day I: 11 March 2024

08.30 – 09.30 Registration

09.30 – 10.15 Inaugural Session

Welcome Remarks: **Professor Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General, RIS, New Delhi

Chair: **Ambassador Sujan Chinoy**, Director General, IDSA, New Delhi and Former Indian Ambassador to Japan

Special Remarks:

- **Mr Koichi Nakagawa**, Consul-General, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata
- **Mr Gaurangalal Das**, Joint Secretary, East Asia Division, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), New Delhi (*Online*)

Vote of Thanks: **Dr Prabir De**, Professor, RIS, New Delhi

10.15 – 10.45 Group Photo & Tea/Coffee

10.45 – 11.45 Special Panel on Japan-India Partnership in the Changing Global Order

Chair: **Professor Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General, RIS, New Delhi

Special Address: **Ambassador Sibi George**, Ambassador of India to Japan, Tokyo (*Online*)

Remarks:

- **Ambassador Krishnan Srinivasan**, Former Foreign Secretary of India
- **Professor Takenori Horimoto**, Visiting Professor, Gifu Women's University, Tokyo (*Online*)
- **Mr Ambarish Dasgupta**, Chairman, Intueri, and Formerly President, BCC&I and Head, KPMG India

Q&A

11.45 – 13.00 Session I: Scaling Up the Partnership: Industrial Policy, and Science, Technology and Innovation

Chair: Professor Milan Kumar Sanyal, Emeritus Professor, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics and Co-chair, India-Japan Science Council, Kolkata

Panellists:

- **Mr Ryuhei Nishi**, First Secretary (Science and Technology), Embassy of Japan in India, New Delhi – *Special Remarks*
- **Mr Takuma Otaki**, METI Representative for South Asia and Director JETRO India, New Delhi
- **Dr Sabyasachi Saha**, Associate Professor, RIS, New Delhi
- **Mr Jayanta Chakravorty**, Founder, Asentrek Global, Kolkata
- **Ms Anurita Das**, Partner - Big Data Technology, Business Brio, Kolkata

Q&A

13.00 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.00 Session II: Strengthening Economic Relations: Trade, Investment, and Value Chains

Chair: Professor Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Distinguished Professor, Adamas University, Kolkata

Panellists:

- **Professor Makoto Kojima**, Professor Emeritus, Takushoku University and Senior Fellow, Center for Contemporary Indian Studies, Japan-India Association, Tokyo - *Special Remarks*
- **Mr Siddharth Deshmukh**, President, Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC), Pune
- **Dr Priyadarshi Dash**, Associate Professor, RIS, New Delhi
- **Mr Sanjay Chatterjee**, Regional Chairman, NASSCOM Eastern India, Kolkata
- **Mr Sumanta Ganguli**, Deputy Chief Regional Officer, Kolkata Branch, Mitsui & Co., Kolkata

Q&A

15.00 – 15.15 Tea/Coffee

15.15 – 16.30 Session III: Building People-to-People Contacts and Cultural Collaboration: New Opportunities

Chair: Dr Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata

Panellists:

- **Mr Koji Sato**, Director General, Japan Foundation, New Delhi - *Special Remarks*
- **Professor Shantanu Chakraborty**, Professor, Calcutta University, Kolkata
- **Professor Gita A. Keeni**, Professor & Head of the Department of Japanese Studies, Visva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan
- **Dr Madhuchanda Ghosh**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Presidency University, Kolkata

- **Dr Sarmistha De Basu**, Secretary, Kolkata Society for Asian Studies (KSAS), Kolkata

Q&A

16.30 – 17.45 Session IV: India’s Northeast and Emerging Trilateral of India, Japan and Bangladesh

Chair: Dr Shiladitya Chatterjee, Formerly Advisor, Government of Assam, and Director, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Kolkata

Panellists:

- **Mr Hajime Taniguchi**, Dy. Chief Representative, JICA India, New Delhi - *Special Remarks (Online)*
- **Mr Orita Kentaro**, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, New Delhi
- **Mr Sabyasachi Dutta**, Executive Director, Asian Confluence, Shillong
- **Ms Afrin Mahbub**, Programme Associate (Research), Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka
- **Mr Atanu Basu**, Chief, TM International Logistics, Tata Steel, Kolkata

Q&A

19.00 Cultural Programme and Dinner (by invitation)

Day II: Tuesday, 12 March 2024

09.00 – 10.15 Special Panel on Accelerated Partnership for Regional Development

Chair: Professor S. K. Mohanty, Professor, RIS, New Delhi

Panellists:

- **Mr Nikhilesh Giri**, Consul General of India in Osaka (*Online*) – *Special Remarks*
- **Mr Rathendra Raman**, Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata – *Special Remarks*
- **Mr So Umezaki**, Director, Economic Integration Studies Group, Development Studies Center, IDE-JETRO, Chiba
- **Dr Prabir De**, Professor, RIS, New Delhi

Q&A

10.15 – 11.30 Session V: Japan and India in Bay of Bengal: Economic Opportunities and Challenges

Chair: Professor Lau Sim-Yee, Professor, Reitaku University, Tokyo

Panellists:

- **Mr Takashi Suzuki**, Chief Director General, JETRO New Delhi - *Special Remarks*
- **Dr Rajeev Singh**, Director General, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Kolkata
- **Mr Pranav Kumar**, Vice-President, Reliance Industries, New Delhi

- **Mr Ajay Rana**, Deputy General Manager & Regional Head, Kolkata Regional Office, EXIM Bank of India, Kolkata
- **Mr Udayan Bhattacharya**, Principal, Strategic Design & Digital Transformation, Nomura Research Institute (NRI) Consulting & Solutions India, Kolkata

Q&A

11.30 – 11.45 Tea/Coffee

11.45 – 13.00 Session VI: Closing Panel: Fostering India-Japan Economic Relations: Way Forward

Chair: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, New Delhi

Panellists:

- **Ambassador Shahidul Haque**, Former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh and Bangabandhu Chair at Delhi University, Delhi
- **Professor Lau Sim-Yee**, Professor, Reitaku University, Tokyo
- **Mr Arindam Mukherjee**, Director, Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata
- **Dr Nilanjana Ghosh**, Director, Observer Research Foundation (ORF) Kolkata
- **Mr Subhodip Ghosh**, Director General, Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), Kolkata

Q&A

13.00 – 13.30 Closing Session

Chair: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, New Delhi

Special Remarks: Professor Radharaman Chakraborty, Chairman, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

Valedictory Address: Dr Ashok Chawla, Advisor, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA),
New Delhi

Vote of Thanks: Dr Prabir De, Professor, RIS, New Delhi

13.30 Lunch and End of the Conference
