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**Remarks by Mr Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan at  
Farewell/Welcome Reception for Chairman of JETRO  
(May 30, 2023)**

**Mr Nobuhiko Sasaki, outgoing Chairman of JETRO  
Mr Norihiko Ishiguro, new Chairman of JETRO  
Colleagues from Diplomatic Corps  
Ladies and Gentlemen**

- Good evening.
- It is a great pleasure for me to have the opportunity to address such a distinguished gathering.
- Firstly, on behalf of everyone here, I would like to express my gratitude to former chairman Nobuhiko Sasaki for his remarkable leadership and commitment towards enhancing the operations of JETRO. Under your guidance JETRO has made substantial strides in promoting international trade and investment, and has significantly contributed to the strengthening of economic ties between Japan and the rest of the world.
- JETRO has been in the forefront of almost every business activity in Japan and abroad. Every Prefecture that I visited I met a very active, energetic JETRO team ready to facilitate business engagement. JETRO today is Japan's most visible and positive face.
- I also recall the significant role that JETRO, under the leadership of Mr Sasaki has played in fostering and nurturing economic cooperation between India and Japan, including during VVIP visits.

- Today, we welcome Mr. Norihiko Ishiguro as the new chairman of JETRO. We look forward to your stewardship and to the new heights that JETRO will undoubtedly reach under your leadership.
- I am confident that under Mr. Ishiguro's leadership, JETRO will continue to facilitate economic progress and international cooperation.
- There is a need to navigate the post-COVID economic landscape and take collective action aimed at utilizing complementarities, synergizing resource use, and establishing resilient and reliable supply chains to overcome single dependencies and achieve economic security.
- Now, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to invite you all for a toast. Please raise your glasses.
- To Chairman Sasaki, we express our heartfelt thanks for your outstanding service, and to Chairman Ishiguro, we offer our enthusiastic support for the journey that lies ahead.
- Kanpai!

Thank you.

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