## **Press Note**

## Padma Bhushan Award to Mr. Saichiro Misumi, Former Managing Director, Japan-India Association

Mr. Saichiro Misumi, 99, a former Managing Director of Japan-India Association has been conferred the prestigious Government of India award, 'Padma Bhushan' in recognition of his contribution to India-Japan relations for almost seven decades.

The Padma Bhushan award is given to pre-eminent persons in the fields of art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc. The awards are announced on the occasion of Republic Day every year and will be conferred by the President of India at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhawan (President's Palace) in New Delhi sometime in April/May 2015.

In previous years, the Padma Bhushan had been conferred on following Japanese nationals: Late Mr. Yosho Sakurauchi (1989), Late Mr. Goro Koyama (1992), Mr. Yoshiro Mori (2004), Mr. Osamu Suzuki (2007) and Mr. Minoru Hara (2009).



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking to Mr. Saichiro Misumi at a function organized by Japan-India Association in Tokyo on 2 September 2014.