

## **Embassy of India**

### **Tokyo**

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### **Remarks by Amb Sibi George welcoming Hon'ble Minister Shri Ashwani Vaishnav at Indian Community function, April 30, 2023**

Hon'ble Minister Shri Ashwani Vaishnav ji,  
ladies and gentlemen,  
Good Evening and Welcome.

Sir, almost six months ago, our leadership send me here with an important responsibility as the Ambassador of India to Japan to represent our 1.4 billion Indian brothers and sisters, to engage with the leadership of Japan, to further strengthen with this important country in Indo-Pacific region which is perhaps the most important geopolitical construct in the world today.

Sir, the greatest honour for any Ambassador posted anywhere in the world is to welcome one most dynamic Ministers to his country of accreditation. It becomes the proudest moment when one is joined by the Indian Diaspora and the Friends of India. Sir, it is an honour for us to welcome you to Japan.

Sir, someone who has travelled to Japan multiple times, and someone who holds some of the most important portfolios in the Cabinet, you are fully aware of the importance and the depth of our relationship with Japan. Let me say this. Over a period of few years, our relationship has transformed from a G to G to B to B to a special strategic and global partnership.

In this transformation, our Indian diaspora in Japan, which is small but dynamic, have played an important role. Our diaspora includes scientists, professors, artists, doctors, engineers, business

persons, government officials in key positions, and our skilled and semi-skilled workers all contributing to the progress of the country where they live, at the same time not forgetting about their Indian routes. They always been with us to celebrate India and Indian festivals almost every day in Japan. They have contributed in our Aatmanirbhar Bharat and now in the march towards Amrit Kaal. This year we are celebrating the India Japan Year of Tourism with the theme Connecting Himalayas with Mount Fuji.

Sir, on behalf of the Indian Community in Japan, I welcome you to Japan.

Sir, I may I request you to kindly address this august gathering.

Thank you.

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