

**Welcome address by Ambassador Nagma M. Mallick at the Dinner hosted
at Embassy of India
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Mr. Katsuya Igarashi, Secretary General, JIBCC,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good evening and a very warm welcome to the Embassy of India.

It is truly a pleasure to host you after what has been, I am very sure of, two very productive days of dialogue and exchange.

I am confident that you would have witnessed **the remarkable depth of the India–Japan partnership**. Such conversations highlight several important areas for collaboration — from strengthening manufacturing and supply chains, to skill development and personal exchange. They also give a **fresh perspective on new and emerging sectors such as semiconductors, AI, sustainable energy, and critical minerals**.

Friends, as we move ahead in transforming India, such meaningful discussions will help in finding solutions to **improve the ease of doing business in India, and expanding cross-border investments**. I am confident that, together, we can **find ways to achieve the targets set out in the Joint Vision statement** across eight key pillars of cooperation, including technology, economic security, defence, and human resource development.

This evening's dinner is an opportunity to strengthen the personal relationships that underpin our institutional cooperation.

Thank you once again for joining us. I wish you a wonderful evening, fruitful interactions, and continued success in advancing the India–Japan partnership.
