

The centennial celebrating of Gurudeva's maiden visit to Japan

The Department of Japanese, Bhasha-Bhavana, will be celebrating the historical event of the centenary of *Gurudev's* maiden visit of Japan in the year 1916, throughout the year of 2016.

The historical meet of *Gurudev* Rabindranath Tagore and Tenshin (Kakuzo) Okakura in the year 1902 resulted in having Shitoku Hori, the first foreign student in Santiniketan. Consequently, we received Jinnosuke Sano, the Judo instructor in 1905 for a period of three years. These became the impetus of the Bengal-Japan connection. Later, *Gurudev's* first visit in the year 1916 further enhanced this relation in various spheres resulting in several exchanges between Santiniketan and Japan. Every single glorious event contributed to the present day's fruitful relationship between the two countries in the spheres of art, literature, culture, philosophy et al.

The Department of Japanese (Nippon Bhavana) is making all possible efforts with available resources to celebrate the occasion to pay humble tribute to *Gurudev*, the founder of Visva-Bharati. However, the Department would also be happy to collaborate with any Department/Bhavana of Visva-Bharati to celebrate this significant occasion.

The department will update the program schedule accordingly in the university website. Kindly follow the university website for the further updates.

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