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Special Lecture

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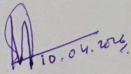
日本とインド：歴史的繋がりから『特別  
戦略的グローバル・パートナーシップ』

## About LECTURE

The lecture highlights the deep historical and cultural ties between Japan and India, evolving into a “Special Strategic Global Partnership.” It traces early connections through the spread of Buddhism from India to Japan, including the transmission of Sanskrit (Siddham script) and Indian deities, as well as the contribution of the Indian monk Bodhisena in the 8th century. Cultural exchanges continued in the modern era through figures like Okakura Tenshin and Rabindranath Tagore. After World War II, relations gradually strengthened through diplomacy, economic cooperation, and mutual visits by leaders. Today, Japan and India share close collaboration in politics, security, economy, and technology, with promising future prospects for deeper people-to-people connections.

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| 10:30 am | Inaugural Song                                  |
| 10:40 am | Welcome and Reception                           |
| 10:42 am | Welcome Address by Head of the Department       |
| 10:45 am | Recitation in Japanese: Phule Phule Dhole Dhole |
| 10:50 am | Lecture by Prof. Masayuki Taga                  |
| 11:50 am | Remarks by Director, Rabindra Bhavana           |
| 12:00 pm | Vote of Thanks by Dr. Prosenjit Chakraborty     |

Masayuki Taga is a Japanese diplomat who served as the Consul-General of Japan in Kolkata and Chennai, India, where he played an important role in strengthening India-Japan relations. During his tenure, he actively promoted cultural exchange, academic collaboration, and people-to-people connections between the two countries. He participated in various institutional events, delivered lectures, and engaged with government officials to deepen bilateral cooperation. At present, he serves as a Special Visiting Professor at Gifu Women's University, affiliated with the South Asia Research Center, continuing his engagement with India-Japan studies and academic exchange.

  
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