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**Distinguished Lecture Series: Address by His Excellency Ambassador,
Mr Sujan R. Chinoy, Ambassador of India to Japan
on,
“ Indo-Japanese Bilateral Relations for a Peaceful
and Prosperous World and Asian Order’**

Best Days are Ushering in the Indo-Japan Relations.

Gandhinagar, June 26, 2018: The GNLU Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies organized the Distinguished Ambassador Lecture Series. The Lecture was delivered by His Excellency Ambassador, Mr Sujan R. Chinoy, Ambassador of India to Japan on, “ Indo-Japanese Bilateral Relations for a Peaceful and Prosperous World and Asian Order’.

Mr Chinoy focused on key trends in India Japan relations, while also tracing the relations to ancient time. Referring to the Prime Minister Mr Modi’s address at the Shangri La dialogue meet which amplified the central and ongoing themes of India’s role on the world stage especially that of India playing a linking role for the larger Indo-Pacific space and its commitment to the liberal international order.

India’s relation with Japan has witnessed a complete transformation during the last three years especially in terms of trade, investment in large infrastructure projects. Asia has done well in terms of trade and economic integration but still lags behind in terms of security. The situation is complex given that the Asian countries remain at the crossroads of power influence.

India is Japan's “most important” partner in its “Free and Open Indo Pacific Strategy,” and India provides the alternative and space for Japan. Moreover, India and Japan share values which date back to history especially the Hindu-Buddhist philosophy and it is this convergence of ethos that binds India and Japan together. The relationship is anchored in goodwill and trust. As of today, Japanese investment in India is among the highest and it is involved in many infrastructure development programmes.

The initiative taken by India and Japan are: Skills development for the youths, Technical Intern Training Program, digital partnership, health care and food processing and agriculture. At the political level, the relationship is outstanding and the annual summit provides further impetus to the relations. Indo-Japan relations is evolving as the new Indo-pacific security and economic paradigm.

Integral to the Act East policy, the Act East Forum aims to provide a platform for India-Japan collaboration under the rubric of India’s “Act East Policy” and Japan’s “Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy”. The Forum will identify specific projects for economic modernization of India’s North-East region including those pertaining to connectivity, developmental infrastructure, industrial linkages as well as people-to-people contacts through tourism, culture and sports-related activities.

The future of India-Japan relation is extraordinarily bright and will be the most important one in the 21st century. The best days are yet to come and Japan will leave a bigger imprint in the Indian economy



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and also amongst its people. Quoting Swami Vivekanand, the Ambassador said, “He would like every young Indian to visit Japan once in his life time’ and to bring back ideas, thoughts and the ethos from Japan.

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