

Japan-India Soft Power Study Group

This study group is run jointly with the India Foundation, an Indian thinktank aligned with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). As part of this project, each side will send a delegation (originally planned to include seven members, but since reduced to five) to visit the partner country. As well as encouraging opportunities for exchanges of views on economics, politics, security, and soft power in Japan and India, these study trips will also include exchanges with business leaders, politicians, and thinktanks in the destination country.

The following delegation of five representatives from India came to Japan from December 13 to 17, 2023, and visited Tokyo and Kyoto. The itinerary was as below.

Name	Position (and former position where applicable)
Ram Madhav	President, India Foundation, former National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
Shekhar Sinha	Chairman of the Board of Trustees, India Foundation (former Vice Admiral, Indian Navy)
Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa	Director of various companies (former ambassador to Japan)
Srabani Roy Choudhury	Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Rami Desai	Distinguished Fellow, India Foundation

12/13	Arrival in Japan, Tokyo sightseeing
12/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with Shin Kawashima, Executive Director of Research, Nakasone Peace Institute ● Meeting with Akitaka Saiki, President, Japan-India Association ● Meeting with Kenji Hiramatsu, Chairman, Japan Research Institute ● Talk by Chiharu Takenaka, former professor, Department of Law, Rikkyo University ● Dinner at the invitation of Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan
12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with Tadashi Maeda, Chairman, Japan-India Relations Committee, Japan Association of Corporate Executives ● Meeting with Daishiro Yamagiwa (Vice Chairman), Yoshiaki Wada (Secretary-General), Japan-India Parliamentary Friendship League; Takeaki Matsumoto (Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications) ● Meeting with Nobukatsu Kanehara, Executive Director, Sasakawa Peace Foundation ● Transfer to Kyoto

12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Talk by Rev. Shokei Matsumoto (Buddhist priest), Komyoji temple, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha● Talk by Tsuneo Kawakami, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Matsushita Philosophy, Research Division, PHP Institute● Kyoto sightseeing
12/17	Return to India

The visit by a delegation from KIIP to India has been postponed till next fiscal year, since the India Foundation will be busy preparing for the general election during April and May this year.

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