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CELEBRATING THREE DECADES OF NIPPON BHAVANA

International Conference on 'Santiniketan – Abode of Academic and Cultural Interaction with Japan'

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Department of Japanese, Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, takes the pleasure to inform you that a two-day International Conference on 'Santiniketan – Abode of Academic and Cultural Interaction with Japan' is being organized to celebrate Three Decades of Nippon Bhavana.

A visit to Nippon Bhavana is organized from 2:30 to 3:15 pm on February 18, 2025.

The conference inauguration will be at 3:30 pm at Lipika Auditorium.

Professor Binoy Kumar Saren, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Offg.), Visva-Bharati has kindly agreed to grace the occasion and deliver the Inaugural Address. Mr. Koichi Nakagawa, Hon'ble Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Hon'ble Ambassador Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa, former Ambassador to Japan, Government of India, Dr. Yuri Sato, Executive Vice-President, The Japan Foundation, Japan and Prof. Ashok Kumar Chawla, Advisor (Japan), East Asia Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India have kindly consented to honour us with their gracious presence on this significant occasion.

We request your kind presence.

Prof. Gita A. Keeni
Professor & Head, Department of Japanese
Nippon Bhavana, Bhasha-Bhavana
&
Convenor

Dr. Sudipta Das
Assistant Professor, Department of Japanese
Nippon Bhavana, Bhasha Bhavana
&
Joint Convenor

Coordinators:

Dr. Arpita Paul
Assistant Professor

Dr. Prosenjit Chakraborty
Guest Faculty

Dr. Sudip Singha
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February 18-19, 2025 at Lipika Auditorium, Visva-Bharati

Day 1 (February 18, 2025)

Visit to Nippon Bhavana (2:30 – 3:15 PM)

Inaugural Session, Lipika Auditorium (3:30 PM-5:30 PM)

3:30 p.m.	<i>Baran</i> (Felicitation of the Guests)
3:40 p.m.	Lighting of the Lamp
3:45 p.m.	Opening Song
3:50 p.m.	Welcome Address: Prof. Mrinal Kanti Mandal Dean, Institute of Languages, Literature and Culture, Visva-Bharati
4:00 p.m.	Inaugural Address: Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (Offg.), Visva-Bharati
4:10 p.m.	Convenor's Remarks: Prof. Gita A. Keeni Head of the Department, Department of Japanese, Visva-Bharati
4:20 p.m.	Special Address: Prof. Amitrasudan Bhattacharya Former Coordinator, Nippon Bhavana, Visva-Bharati
4:30 p.m.	Address by the Chief Guest: Mr. Koichi Nakagawa Hon'ble Consul General of Japan, Kolkata
4:40 p.m.	Address by the Guest of Honour: Prof. Ashok Kumar Chawla Advisor (Japan), East Asia Division, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI
4:50 p.m.	Special Remarks by the Guest of Honour: Hon'ble Ambassador Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa Former Ambassador to Japan, Government of GoI & President, India-Japan Friendship Forum, India
5:00 p.m.	Congratulatory Address: Dr. Yuri Sato Executive Vice President, The Japan Foundation, Tokyo, Japan
5:10 p.m.	Vote of Thanks: Dr. Ajoy Kumar Das Assistant Professor, Department of Japanese, Visva-Bharati
Tea Break	
Cultural Programme by students of Department of Japanese, Visva-Bharati	

Day 2 (February 19, 2025)

Wednesday Mandir & Heritage Walk (7:15 a.m. – 9 a.m.) (Mandir Dress Code: White)	
Plenary Session: (10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)	
Chair: Prof. Pabitra Sarkar, Former Vice-Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata	
Prof. Tam Takamichi Mito Professor of Japanese Studies, Kwansei Gakuin, Kyushu & Waseda University Visiting Professor of Japanese Studies The Chinese University of Hongkong, 2024-25	10:30 a.m. “Japanese Society at a Critical Juncture”
Prof. Ashok Kumar Chawla Advisor (Japan), East Asia Division, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI	11:10 a.m. “Learning and Teaching Japanese Language - Futuristic Perspective in view of India- Japan Relationship”
Dr. Lopamudra Malek Associate Professor University of Dhaka, Bangladesh	12:00 p.m. “Japanese Studies at Visva-Bharati: Influence and Incidental Contribution of contemporary Bengali and Japanese Women”
Books & Equipment Donation: Kyosan India, New Delhi under their Outreach Programme	
Introduction of Initiative: Prof. Ashok Kumar Chawla, Advisor (Japan), East Asia Division, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI	12:40 p.m.
Remarks by: Mr. Masahiro Tadokoro, Managing Director, Kyosan India, New Delhi	12:50 p.m.
LUNCH BREAK	
Academic session – Presentation by Young scholars (2:00- 3:30 pm) Chair: Prof. Gita A. Keeni	
Ms. Deepika Bhatia Assistant Professor, Department of Japanese Studies, School of Languages, Doon University, Uttarakhand	“Exploring the Ways of Emotional Healing in Yoshimoto Banana’s Novel Moshimoshi Shimokitazawa”
Ms. Loukrakpam Chingkheilembi Guest Faculty, Department of Foreign Languages, Manipur University, Manipur	“Pollution and Taboos related to childbirth and death in Japan and Manipur (Meitei Society)”
Mr. Debapriyo Das Doctoral Scholar, Department of Japanese, Visva-Bharati	“Through the Lenses of Animal: Moral Lesson in Nankichi Niimi’s Kanzashi”
Ms. Ritika Bhakat Doctoral Scholar, Department of Japanese, Visva-Bharati	“Meiji Restoration and Women Education (1868-1912)”
Mr. Sk. Ajahar Doctoral Scholar, Department of Japanese, Visva-Bharati	“Significant obstacles of Japanese Higher Education: A study”

