

<u>The Lecture by H.E. Mr. Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan</u> <u>in the 381st Executive Directors Meeting</u>

September 18th, 2024



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We had the honor of welcoming His Excellency Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan, as a distinguished guest, who delivered a lecture on the theme of "India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership" in the 381st JFTC Executive Directors Meeting on September 18th.

The Ambassador introduced the geopolitical characteristics of the Indo-Pacific region and the potential of the Indian economy, which is expected to reach a GDP of 35 trillion dollars (more than eight times the current level) by 2047, with a sustained annual economic growth rate of 7.6%. He also explained the political, economic, cultural, and religious affinities between India and Japan, as well as the potential for further economic cooperation between the two countries. In the Q&A session following the lecture, there was a candid exchange of views on topics such as creating mechanisms to provide employment opportunities in Japan for Indian students who have studied in Japan, and the challenges faced by Japanese companies looking to expand into India, which is becoming increasingly important in the development of global supply chains.