

JAPAN-INDIA SUMMIT MEETING

On August 30, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe welcomed H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, at the Kyoto State Guest House. The following day, August 31, both leaders visited Toji Temple*.

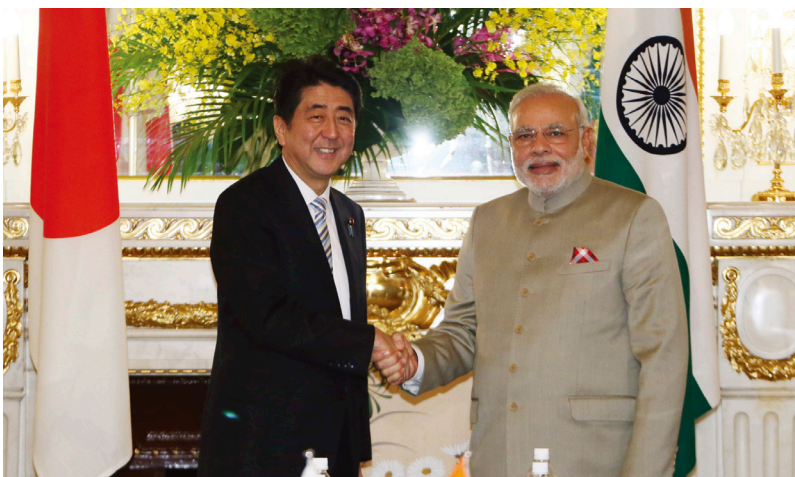
On September 1, the two leaders held talks at the State Guest House in Tokyo. At the meeting, they pledged to realize the full potential of the Japan-India Strategic and Global Partnership for continuing progress and prosperity for their people and to advance peace, stability and prosperity in Asia and the world. Elevating the relationship to the level of “Special Strategic and Global Partnership,” they called their meeting the dawn of a new era in Japan-India relations.

Following this, Prime Minister Abe expressed his deep appreciation for Prime Minister Modi’s choice of Japan as his first destination for a bilateral visit outside India’s immediate neighborhood. Prime Minister Modi described this decision as a reflection of Japan’s importance in India’s foreign policy and economic development and her place at the heart of India’s Look East Policy. Prime Minister Modi thanked Prime Minister Abe for his deep personal commitment to strengthening the Japan-India strategic partnership, the extraordinary warmth of his hospitality and so on.

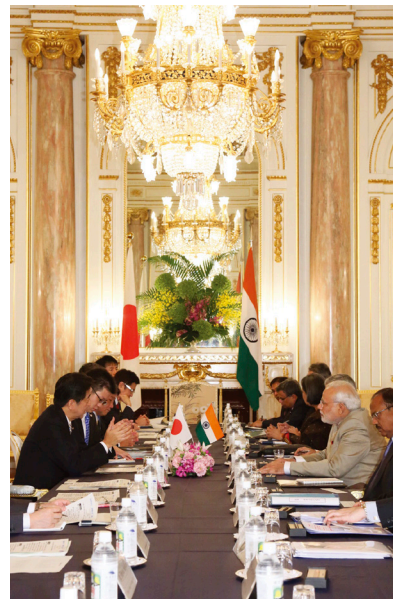
* Toji Temple is a Buddhist temple of the Shingon sect in Kyoto that is famous for its five-story pagoda, which is the tallest wooden tower in Japan. UNESCO designated the temple a World Heritage Site in 1994.



Walking through the grounds of Toji Temple



Shaking hands with the Prime Minister of India



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