

## Japan-India Soft Power Workshop

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This workshop is a collaborative initiative between the India Foundation—a think tank affiliated with India’s ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)—and the Kajima Institute of International Peace. The project involves mutual delegation visits (originally planned as seven members, ultimately five) to exchange views on Japan–India economic, political, security, and soft power issues, as well as to engage with local business leaders, politicians, and think tanks in the host country.

Following the visit of five India Foundation members to Tokyo and Kyoto from December 13 to 18, 2023, the following five Japanese delegates visited New Delhi and Varanasi from December 2 to 7, 2024:

Name	Current Position
Nobuyuki Hiraizumi	President, Kajima Institute of International Peace; Advisor, Kajima Corporation
Michio Matsumoto	Director, Kajima Institute of International Peace; Executive Officer & Chief Investment Officer, KJR Management
Jun Osawa	Director, Kajima Institute of International Peace; Senior Research Fellow, Nakasone Peace Institute
Kazumasa Oguro	Director, Kajima Institute of International Peace; Professor, Faculty of Economics, Hosei University
Hisa Oiwa	Senior Research Fellow, Comprehensive Policy Research Division, PHP Research Institute

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Itinerary:

■ **December 2:** Arrival in New Delhi

■ **December 3:**

- Meeting with India Foundation: Ram Madhav (President), Shekhar Sinha (Chairman of the Board), Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa (former Ambassador to Japan), Rami Desai (Senior Fellow), Vijay Chauthaiwale (Head of Foreign Affairs, BJP), and others
- Meeting with Gourangalal Das, Joint Secretary for East Asia, Ministry of External Affairs
- Meeting with Rajesh Pankaj, Director of Education and Skills, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), and others
- Reception hosted by Keiichi Ono, Ambassador of Japan to India (with India Foundation members also attending)

■ **December 4:**

- Visit to the Prime Minister's Office
- Meeting with Anil Wadhwa (Senior Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation; former Ambassador to Italy) and others
- Meeting with Sreeram Chaulia (Dean, School of International Affairs, Jindal Global University) and faculty members
- Dinner with Sahil Aggarwal (Vice Chancellor, Rishihood University) and others

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**■ December 5:**

- Travel from Delhi to Varanasi
- Cultural visit in Varanasi: Kashi Vishwanath Temple, sunset and sunrise prayers on the Ganges River

**■ December 6:** Return to Japan via Delhi (arriving in Haneda the following day)

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Members

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