

**Embassy of India
Tokyo**

**Subject: Brief report on opening ceremony of Exhibition of Indian Buddhist Art at
Tokyo National Museum on 16 March 2015.**

H.E. Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon^{ble} Minister for Home Affairs of India and H.E. Mr. Kosaburo Nishime, Hon^{ble} State Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan inaugurated the Exhibition of Indian Buddhist Art at 1400 hrs on 16 March 2015 at Tokyo National Museum. Smt. Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa, Ambassador of India to Japan, Mr. K. K. Mittal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Mr. Masami Zeniya, Executive Director, Tokyo National Museum, Mr. Kazushige Yamashita, Director General, Department of Cultural Properties, Agency of Cultural Affairs, Mr. Masanori Sato, Vice-President & Representative Director, Nikkei Inc. and Mr. Kenji Nagano, President & Representative Director, BS Japan Corporation were also present at the opening ceremony of the Exhibition.

2. This Exhibition from Indian Museum Kolkata was opened to the public from 17 March 2015 and will remain open till 17 May 2015. This exhibition is one of the most important events of the yearlong Festival of India in Japan 2014-15. It is being organized by Ministry of Culture of India, Embassy of India in Tokyo in association with Tokyo National Museum and Nikkei Incorporated. This Exhibition showcases ninety-one remarkable national treasures of India pertaining to the themes of the life of Lord Buddha, drawn from different parts of India; some of which date back to more than two thousand years. The pre-eminent Japanese business daily Nikkei Inc. is the official media partner for the exhibition. BS Japan Corporation, a TV channel of Nikkei Inc. has produced a documentary on the Exhibition and was shown in the channel on 15 March 2015. The documentary is also being played at the Tokyo National Museum for the benefit of visitors.

3. In the first week itself, the Exhibition has attracted more than 10,000 visitors.

4. Some of the pictures of opening ceremony and the press coverage are given below.



H.E. Mr. Rajnath Singh, Minister for Home Affairs of India with H.E. Mrs. Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa, Ambassador of India to Japan at the Tape Cutting Ceremony of Exhibition on Indian Buddhist Art.



H.E. Mr. Rajnath Singh, Minister for Home Affairs of India addressing the audience at the opening ceremony of Exhibition on Indian Buddhist Art at Tokyo National Museum



H.E. Mr. Rajnath Singh, Minister for Home Affairs of India with H.E. Mr. Kosaburo Nishime, State Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan at Tokyo National Museum on 16 Mar 2015.



H.E. Mr. Rajnath Singh, Minister for Home Affairs of India watching Exhibition on Indian Buddhist Art
