

Speech for HE Ambassador
Event : Teachers Day at VCC Auditorium
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Respected Teachers, Students, Ladies and Gentleman,

It is a great honor and privilege to be here with you today as we gather to celebrate Teachers' Day. This day holds a special place in the hearts of millions of students and educators alike, as it reminds us of the enduring impact that teachers have on our lives.

In India, we commemorate Teachers' Day in memory of one of our most esteemed scholars, philosophers, and teachers, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose birthday we celebrate on this day. His belief in the transformative power of education continues to inspire not just Indians but educators around the world. It is fitting that we recognize his legacy in the context of India-Japan relations, where education and shared values have been a cornerstone of our partnership.

As the Ambassador of India to Japan, I have witnessed, firsthand, the deep respect both nations have for their teachers. Japan, like India, places a high value on education and the role of teachers in shaping future generations. Both countries understand that teachers are not just conveyors of knowledge but also the architects of society, instilling values, discipline, and a sense of responsibility in their students.

Education plays a central role in our relationship. Our shared heritage of learning, the exchange of ideas, and collaborative educational initiatives serve as a bridge between our cultures. It is through education that we can foster greater understanding, innovation, and growth between our two nations.

To all the teachers present here, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. You are the foundation of progress and nurturing minds. Your commitment to fostering curiosity and knowledge in students helps build a better future for both India and Japan. Whether in India, Japan, or any other part of the world, your efforts transcend geographical boundaries. You are the true ambassadors of knowledge and understanding, contributing to a more peaceful and prosperous global community.

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the teachers who continue to inspire the next generation. You are the torch-bearers of knowledge, and we are forever indebted to your guidance, patience, and wisdom.

Happy Teachers' Day to all, and may the spirit of learning and collaboration between India and Japan continue to flourish.

Thank you.