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ESUJ Special Lecture

Half a Century: My Connections with Japan

Dr. Aftab Seth
ESUJ Honorable President
Former Indian Ambassador to Japan

Ambassador Seth will reminisce over his connections with Japan, which started in the early 1960s as a student at Keio University. At the time of the Osaka Exposition in 1970, he was a junior diplomat in the embassy in Tokyo. During his tenure as the Indian ambassador to Japan in the early years of this century, the Japan-India Global Partnership was established, which has now blossomed into a major strategic relationship. Since his retirement from the foreign service, he has continued to be active, as a professor at Keio and through the NGO he established and other institutions. We will certainly have a lot to learn from his speaking as a distinguished diplomat, a deeply thoughtful historian and an eminent leader in the field of education.

Date: Wednesday 30th March, 2016 7:00-8:30pm

Place: Japan National Press Club

Nippon Press Center Building

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Profile: Dr. Aftab Seth

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Joining the Foreign Service in 1968, he served in Tokyo 1970-72, Beirut 1975-76, Cairo 1976-79, Hamburg as Consul General 1979-83, Jakarta 1983-85 as Deputy Chief of Mission, and Karachi as Consul General 1985-88. He served as Spokesman of the Foreign Office and Joint Secretary in-charge of External Publicity 1988-92. After serving as Ambassador to Greece 1992-96 and to Vietnam 1997-2000, he came back to Japan as Ambassador 2000-2003.

From 2004 to 2006, he was Professor and Director of Global Security Research Institute, Keio University, and from 2006 to 2009, he served as Chairman of the International Advisory Committee, Keio University.

He is visiting professor at the Business Break Through University in Tokyo and Chairman of the Global Indian International Schools Japan and Vice President of the Global Schools Foundation in Singapore.

He studied Japanese Language and History at Keio University in 1963.

Having graduated First in his class from Delhi University in 1964, he was selected as Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in 1965-67, where he obtained an M.A. in History and Politics, Constitutional History. •