



“KONNICHIWA JAPAN”

**Japan & India
Friendship Tour**

18-26/11/2017

< Delhi >

Gujarat Mumbai

Konnichiwa Japan

18-19/11/2017



INDO-JAPAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL



Booth of the flower arrangement



Sumo ring

Discover Japan Club (DJC) & Discover India Club (DIC) collaborated in organizing KONNICHIWA JAPAN festival in 2017, year of Japan-India friendship.



Moved from Indira Gandhi International Airport to DLF Mall, Saket, the venue of Konnichiwa Japan festival, where the expected attendance was around 100,000 people over the week-end. DJC members arranged a welcome party for DIC members with delicious dinner (^ ^)

It's nice weather ! Air is clean! The venue is huge!

—View from upper floor of Hilton Garden Inn—

stage



booths



Torii, gate of shrine, and cherry trees

Mrs. Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa, former Ambassador of India in Japan, looked so nice with DIC members in their kimonos! While in Japan, Mrs. Wadhwa was of great help to DIC!



Mr. Kaneko showing some pictures taken in Japan last year to Mrs. Wadhwa and Mr. Chopra.

Mrs. Wadhwa read the kanji letter “愛” in Japanese immediately! She made a contribution to the educational fund for children in Gujarat. Total amount of money collected by Japanese calligraphy that day was Rs.2,500!





Mrs. Wadhwa
Mr.Chopra
(DJC), and Dr.
Malik(DIC)
gave
congratulatory
addresses at
the opening
ceremony of
KONNICHIIWA
JAPAN, which
was very
impressive,
with all
members
proudly on
stage.

Sumo wrestlers, koto player,
Cosplayers, drum players of
Okinawa Eisa, Japanese dancers.
Over 15 Japanese artists came
from JAPAN for this festival!



KONNICHIIWA
JAPAN



**Kagami-biraki,
a traditional way of
opening ceremony**



**Toast!! With Juice!
May the friendship
between both
countries, Japan
and India,
last forever ☆**



See(^) →
Sumo is very popular in INDIA!!



Indian children
showed several
forms of Karate!!



Okinawa
EISA
performance was
gorgeous
and
powerful!



On the stage, Japanese
dance was performed along
with koto music 🎵



Dr. Unita Sachianand of Delhi U. with Cosplayers, representatives of Japan for WCS this year



WCS: World Cosplay Summit



At booth of DIC



Writing Indian names in Kanji letters seemed popular. Dr. Malik – his name looks like this in kanji, which means true advantage will last forever

What's YOUR Name?

**Mr. Masaya Kaneko
arranges Cosplay
events in India and
takes representative
Cosplayers from India
to the World Cosplay
Summit in Japan every
year.**



**In the next booth of DIC,
some public school girls
in kimono were smiling
like Japanese girls!**



All on the stage sang “SAKURA SAKURA” together; and Dr. Malik sang Japanese songs, and together with Sato Fusayo Sensei, and Mahiwa-san chanted recitation of a Chinese poem (Shigin). And Tsutomu-san sang “Hana(flower)” in Hindi! Lastly the leading figure of this festival, Markus-san, sang an Enka-song. All on and off the stage clapped their hands with deep appreciation.

At the closing ceremony, Vice President of DJC, Mrs. Shobhana, called Selyucus, son of Mr. Markus, onto the stage and expressed her deep appreciation to him and to all those who had supported this big event KONNICHIWA JAPAN that was held for the first time.





The synthesizer performance by Cosplayers was very much enjoyed especially by young people in the Mall 🎵 🎵



Mr. and Mrs. Mohanty, in blue dress, came to the festival; it was their wedding anniversary that day. Her husband was First Secretary at the Indian Embassy in Japan; now they live in Delhi. While in Japan, Mrs. Mohanty and her mother had given a lecture about the teachings of The Mother, Mirra Alfassa, at a seminar organized by DIC.



KONNICHWA JAPAN
was a lively and
gorgeous festival!!
Having dinner all
together to celebrate
its success and to
refresh ourselves!



Ms. Tomoki Tazawa is another key person
who made KONNICHIWA JAPAN successful
- our deep appreciation.
OTSUKARESAMADESHITA!!!

