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on the theme

In the Age of Uncertainty: the Role of Japan in the INDO-PACIFIC

by

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PROGRAMME

10:30 AM - 10:35 AM	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Prof. (Dr.) Sriparna Pathak Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs O.P. Jindal Global University
10:35 AM - 10:40 AM	OPENING REMARKS Prof. (Dr.) Sreeram Sundar Chaulia Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs O.P. Jindal Global University
10:40 AM - 10:45 AM	MESSAGE FROM EMBASSY OF JAPAN Mr. Jiro Koder Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in India
10:45 AM - 10:50 AM	SPECIAL REMARKS Mr. Takuro Takeuchi Chief Representative, JICA India
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar Founding Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University
11:00 AM - 11:40 AM	JICA CHAIR LECTURE Prof. Akio Takahara Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	Q & A SESSION
12:00 PM - 12:05 PM	VOTE OF THANKS Dr. Debendra Sahu Associate Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University

OVERVIEW OF JICA CHAIR LECTURE

The world order is in flux, and one reason is because big powers such as Russia, China and the U.S. are blatantly breaching international rules. In this lecture, Prof. Takahara introduces the Japanese vision of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific and discusses how our countries must collaborate to build a regional order in which rule of law prevails and safety of the sea lines of communication is secured. A key concept in this endeavour is human security. Human security should serve as a banner under which all nations unite.

SPEAKERS BIO

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Professor Akio Takahara is a leading expert on contemporary Chinese politics and diplomacy. He is Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Tokyo Woman's Christian University and Emeritus Professor of The University of Tokyo. A fluent Mandarin speaker, he earned his DPhil from the University of Sussex and has held academic positions at J. F. Oberlin University and Rikkyo University. He has conducted research as visiting scholar at the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong, the Japanese Embassy in Beijing, Harvard University, Peking University, the Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS), and the Australian National University. From 2014 to 2016, he served as Executive Director of JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development, contributing to international development policy dialogues. His research focuses on China's political economy, governance, and foreign relations. Known for his balanced and insightful analysis, he is recognized as one of Japan's foremost China specialists, contributing to both scholarly discourse and international relations in East Asia.

Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar **Founding Vice Chancellor, O. P. Jindal Global University**

Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar is the founding Vice-Chancellor of O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) in Sonapat, Haryana, a premier "Institution of Eminence" in India. A Rhodes Scholar, he earned his B.C.L. at Oxford, LL.M. at Harvard, S.J.D. at the University of Hong Kong, and LL.B. at the University of Delhi. Appointed VC at just 34 in 2009, he envisioned and established India's first truly global multidisciplinary university. Previously a faculty member at the City University of Hong Kong, Professor Kumar is an authority in human rights, comparative constitutional law, national security, corruption, disaster management, and higher-education policy. He has authored or edited nine books and over 200 scholarly works published in top journals and law reviews internationally. Professor Kumar has also advised UN agencies and Indian national bodies on governance, human rights, and legal education, cementing his global impact in academia and policy.

Mr. Takuro Takeuchi **Chief Representative, JICA India**

Mr. Takuro Takeuchi brings with him a vast experience of over 27 years at JICA, where he has held key leadership roles across various divisions. Most recently, he served as the Senior Director of the General Affairs Division of the General Affairs Department, where he played an instrumental role in developing JICA's institutional strategy and management. His previous experience also includes the Senior Director of South Asia Division 1, which oversees India, as well as the Director of Human Resources and South Asia Division 4 that is responsible for operations in Bangladesh and Nepal. Currently, Mr. Takeuchi serves as the Chief Representative of JICA India Office.

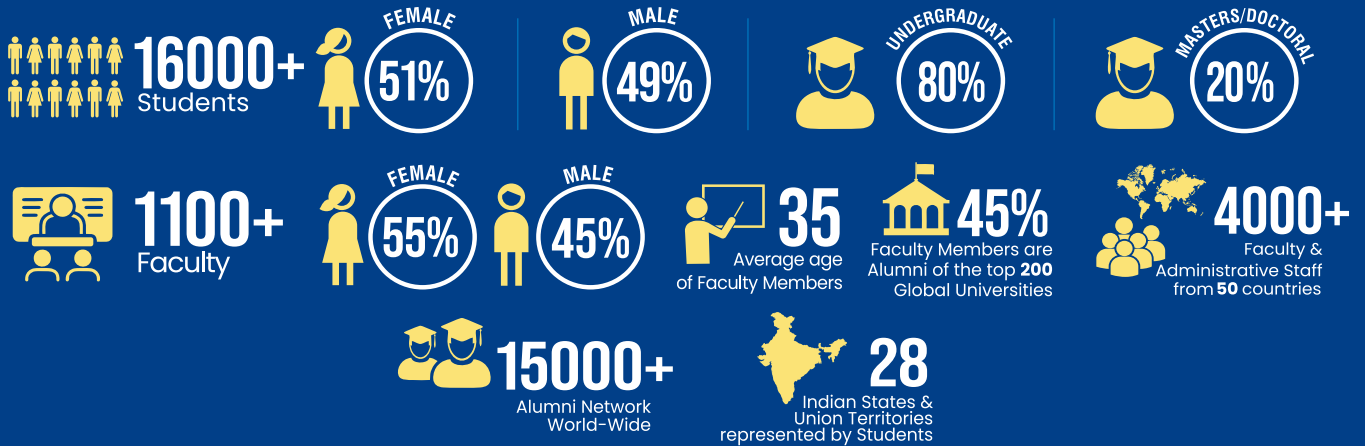
Mr. Jiro Koderu **Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in India**

Mr. Jiro Koderu is a career diplomat with advanced degrees in public policy and international affairs, holding a Master of Public Policy from the University of Tokyo and a Master of Arts in International Policy Studies from Stanford University. He joined Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 2007 and, over the past two decades, has served in diverse roles across the Economic Policy Division, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, National Security Policy Division, and the African Affairs Bureau. He has also held positions in the Cabinet Secretariat and the Prime Minister's Office. Currently, he serves as Economic Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in India.

Prof. (Dr.) Sreeram Sundar Chaulia **Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs**

Dr. Sreeram Chaulia is Professor and Dean at the Jindal School of International Affairs, and Director General of the Jindal India Institute of O.P. Jindal Global University, in Sonapat, India. He is a leading opinion columnist for Dainik Jagran (Hindi) and Hindustan Times (English) on world affairs and a commentator on international current issues on radio and television. He anchors the 'Indian Diplomacy' TV show on India's national broadcaster Doordarshan. He is a contributing editor for 'People Who Influenced the World' (Murray Books, 2005), and has authored 'International Organizations and Civilian Protection: Power, Ideas and Humanitarian Aid in Conflict Zones' (I.B. Tauris, 2011), 'Politics of the Global Economic Crisis: Regulation, Responsibility and Radicalism' (Routledge, 2013), 'Modi Doctrine: The Foreign Policy of India's Prime Minister' (Bloomsbury, 2016), 'Trumped: Emerging Powers in a Post-American World' (Bloomsbury, 2019) and 'Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises' (Rupa, 2022). His latest book, FRIENDS: INDIA'S CLOSEST STRATEGIC PARTNERS, was published by Rupa in 2024. He tweets on global developments @sreeramchaulia

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