PM MODI VISITED CHINA TO ATTEND 9TH BRICS SUMMIT

At the invitation of the President of People’s Republic of China, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi visited Xiamen in China’s Fujian province during September 3-5, 2017 to attend the 9th BRICS Summit.

The meetings for 9th BRICS Summit started in a restricted format followed by plenary session at the end of which the leaders adopted the Xiamen Declaration. Four agreements were signed at the BRICS summit, namely (i) BRICS action agenda on economic and trade cooperation (ii) BRICS action plan for innovation cooperation (2017-2020) (iii) Strategic framework of BRICS customs cooperation, and (iv) MOU between BRICS business council and the New Development Bank on strategic cooperation. The BRICS leaders came up strongly in condemning terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The leaders also called to make United Nations counter terrorism framework more effective.

During his intervention PM Modi gave a futuristic, forward looking, and transformational blueprint for BRICS for the next decade.

A BRICS Business Council meeting was also held. PM Modi said that India is changing fast into one of the most open economies in the world today. The Goods and Services Tax that introduced in July 2017 is India’s biggest economic reform measure ever. Programmes like Digital India, Start Up India and Make in India are changing the economic landscape of the country.

PM MODI VISITED MYANMAR (SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2017)

At the invitation of H.E. U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi paid his first bilateral State visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from September 5-7, 2017. The visit was part of the continuing high level interaction between the leaders of the two countries and followed successive State visits to India by H.E. President U Htin Kyaw (August 2016) and H.E. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (October 2016) last year.

Apart from his engagements in the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw, PM Modi also visited Ananda Temple in Bagan and interacted with the Indian Community, at the Indian Community event at Yangon, Myanmar on September 06, 2017. PM Modi’s Myanmar visit was the second leg of his two nation tour, which earlier took him to China for the BRICS Summit. He had earlier started Myanmar in 2014 to attend the ASEAN-India Summit.

**STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF BELARUS TO INDIA ON SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2017**

At the invitation of the President of India, the President of the Republic of Belarus, H.E. Mr. A.G. Lukashenko, paid a state visit to the Republic of India from September 11-12, 2017.

The visit took place in a year when Belarus and India are celebrating 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. During the visit, President Lukashenko had meetings with President Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi and the External Affairs Minister Mrs. Sushma Swaraj.

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN TO INDIA ON SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2017

At the invitation of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan undertook an official visit to India on September 13-14, 2017 during which the two leaders held the 12th India-Japan Annual Summit in Ahmedabad/ Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

This was the fourth Annual Summit between Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Abe. The two Prime Ministers welcomed significant deepening of bilateral relations in the past three years and the growing convergence in the political, economic and strategic interests, based on the firm foundation of common values and traditions, as well as on an emerging consensus on contemporary issues of peace, security and development. They decided to work together to elevate their partnership to the next level to advance common strategic objectives at a time when the global community is faced with new challenges.
The two Prime Ministers welcomed the exchange of notes for the construction of a state-of-art Convention Centre in Varanasi as a symbol of friendship between India and Japan and expressed their hope for its early completion. The two leaders attended a public function to mark the commencement of work of India’s first high-speed rail project between Ahmedabad and Mumbai. The train is expected to significantly reduce travel time between the two cities.

The two Prime Ministers reaffirmed to cooperate towards conclusion of a modern, comprehensive, high quality and mutually beneficial Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement, in order to achieve a balanced outcome. Fifteen agreements were signed during the visit, including (i) MOC between the Ministry of Home Affairs, of the Government of the Republic of India and the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan (ii) MoC in the field of Japanese Language Education in India between MEA and MOFA, Japan (iii) India Japan Act East Forum (iv) Arrangement between India Post and Japan Post on Administrative Instruction for the Implementation of Cool EMS service (v) India-Japan Investment Promotion Road map between DIPP and METI (vi) MOC between METI and the State of Gujarat on ‘Japan-India special programme for Make In India’ in Mandal Bechraj-Khoraj in Gujarat (vii) Exchange of RoD on Civil Aviation Cooperation (Open Sky) (viii) Agreement for International joint exchange programme between interdisciplinary theoretical and mathematical sciences programme (iTHEMS), RIKEN and National Centres for Biological Sciences (Simons-NCBS) (ix) Joint Research Contract between National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science & Technology (AIST), Japan and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) (x) MOU Between DBT and National Institute of Advanced Science & Technology (AIST) (xi) MoU on International Academic and Sports Exchange between Sports Authority of India and Nippon Sports Science University, Japan (NSSU) (xii) MoU on International Academic and Sports Exchange between India and Nippon Sports Science University, Japan (NSSU) (xiii) LETTER OF INTENT between Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) and University of Tsukuba, Japan (xiv) LETTER OF INTENT between Sports Authority of India and University of Tsukuba, Japan (xv) MoU between RIS and IDE-JETRO for promotion of Cooperation in Research Related Activities.

100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA

100th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was celebrated at the Chancery of High Commission of India, Windhoek on 25th September 2017, during which the presentation was made on the efforts underway in India to empower the poor through various poverty alleviation schemes.
UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

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