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Signing Ceremony to Establish a Cooperative Relationship between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the Japan Foundation

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the Japan Foundation have agreed to build a mutual cooperative relationship in order to enhance cultural exchange between India and Japan.

The ICCR was established in 1950 to promote cultural exchange and mutual understanding between India and other countries. It carries out its mandate of India's cultural diplomacy through a wide spectrum of activities.

The Japan Foundation was established by the Japanese government in 1972 for international cultural exchange between Japan and other countries. It is the leading organization in the field of Japan's external cultural exchange.

The year of 2007 is marked as "the year for Japanese-Indian exchange," and is expected to witness an increased number of cultural events and projects between the two nations. The Japan Foundation also aims to update its India-related activities by its new five-year plan of activities in South Asia, in order to implement more effective cultural exchange with India.

The members of the media are invited to attend the signing ceremony to mark the establishment of the cooperative relationship between the ICCR and the Japan Foundation.

The Signing Ceremony of a Memorandum

Date : **Thursday, December 14, 2006 (From 12:00 to 12:20)**

Venue: Tancho Room, **Meiji Kinenkan**

(2-2-3 Motoakasaka, Minatoku, Tokyo: Phone 03-3403-1171)

The ceremony will be attended by:

Dr. Karan Singh, President of the ICCR;

Dr. Pavan K. Varma, Director General of the ICCR,

Mr. Kazuo Ogoura, President of the Japan Foundation

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