

# A Tribute to my Dad

- Sayantani Dasgupta



## Mr. Arun Kumar Sarkar (1946-2021)

You have traversed the Globe, hundreds of cities and countless roads  
With grace and dignity, you have left for your heavenly abode  
Life big but not long, a life of selfless giving  
Showed me the path to a joyous life worth living  
You have fought with the dragons, danced with the Maori tribes  
A son, A brother, A father, A grandpa, a patriot, an employee that imbibed  
positive vibes  
I would like to live like you Bapi: joyously, selflessly, happily  
No regret, no remorse or fear  
You have united in heaven with my mother  
Am waiting to meet you there!!



# Tribute to Mr. Motoyoshi Noro (Former Consul General of Japan, Kolkata, India)

- Rika Sasaki



I regret to inform you that Mr. Motoyoshi Noro passed away with cancer on Feb. 5, 2021 at his age of 73.

On that day, he was awarded "the Grand Cordon of Order of the Sacred Treasure" by Japanese Government.

The funeral ceremony was held by only his family at his house on Feb.11.

I would like to extend my sincere condolences to his family on the occasion of that. I pray for the peaceful repose of his soul in heaven. Mr. Noro is a man of Justice and he had contributed to Youth Development.

In tribute to the memory of Mr. Noro, I would like to introduce his career graph, awards and publications following as below: so that you can get to know how much he had contributed to a relationship between India and Japan.

## CAREER GRAPH :

Mr. Motoyoshi Noro was born on 5 March, 1947 at Mie in Japan. He graduated in Law from Keio University (B.A.) in Japan in 1971. From 1972 to 1974, he studied in Viswa Bharati and Jadavpur University in India. He also studied at the Post Graduate Centre of CUNY in New York from 1997 to 2000.

Mr. Noro joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs(MOFA) in 1971. From 1974 to 2008, he had served in the position of Vice Consul, Third Secretary, Second Secretary, First Secretary, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission in place like New Delhi in India, Dhaka in Bangladesh, Singapore, Ghana and Ethiopia. In 1997, he was seconded as Special Advisor to UNDP, New York. He became Consul General of Japan, Kolkata, India in March 2007 and Ambassador of Japan for the Republic of Malawi, Africa in July 2008.

After he retired from Foreign Service of Japan in 2010, he was appointed as visiting professor both at Viswa Bharati in July 2011 and at Rabindra Bharati University, March in 2012 Kolkata, India.

## AWARD :

He was awarded with International Michael Madhusudan Award in 2008.

He had been "a Goodwill Ambassador".

"The Grand Cordon of Order of the Sacred Treasure" in 2021

## PUBLICATION :

He has written two books entitled 'Eternal Bond : India and Japan' in 2008 and 'Eternal Friendship : Malawi and Japan' in 2010.

I would like to introduce a part of 'Eternal Bond : India and Japan' as follows :

"Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, through his literary works, always conveyed the message of Oneness with the Universe, Mother Nature, and human life. Therefore, India has a significant responsibility to guide the world towards a harmonious unity of humankind – not only from the perspectives of politics, economics and culture, but also from the perspectives of spirituality. I hope that India can reach the grand champion level, what is known as Yokozuna in Japan, by working hard to address the problem of climate change and creating a balance between development and environmental conservation. I firmly believe that India is capable of this endeavor.

My sisters, brothers and friends in India, I would like to just end by quoting famous words by the Great Saint of Japan,

'Winter always turns to Spring,

Never, from ancient times on, has anyone heard or seen of

Winter turning back to Autumn.'

I think that those who have most suffered in life hold the privilege of enjoying the greatest happiness in life.

日蓮大聖人の御書の一節「冬は必ず春となる」— つまり、どんなつらいこと(冬)も必ず乗り越えて解決できる(春となる)。冬がいつでも冬のままであることはない、また冬が秋に戻ることもない。

人生で最もつらい経験をした者は、その人生において最も多大な幸福を享受する恩恵がある、と私は感じる。

I am confident that a new age for India and Japan has begun. Thank you."

# BENGALI ASSOCIATION OF TOKYO, JAPAN (BATJ) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR 2020-2021

| INCOME   |  | EXPENDITURE   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| ITEM   | AMOUNT   | ITEM  | AMOUNT   |
| Opening Balance on Aug 23 2020<br>(from 2019-2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In bank a/c</li> <li>• Cash in hand</li> </ul> | Yen 1,106,830<br><br>Break up-<br>Yen 560,638<br>Yen 546,192 | Expenses for Durga Puja and Anjali Magazine, Bijoya Sammelani, Saraswati Puja, Rabindra Jayanti, Poila Boisakh, Storage of Durga Pratima, AJAI Membership fees etc. | Yen 783,912  |
| Collection by Subscriptions, Pronami, advertisements in Anjali etc.  | Yen 837,838  | Closing balance on Aug 22, 2021<br>(carried forward to 2021-2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In bank a/c</li> <li>• Cash in hand</li> </ul>           | Yen 1,160,756<br><br>Break up-<br>Yen 506,481<br>Yen 654,275 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>Yen 1,944,668</b>   | <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>Yen 1,944,668</b>   |

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