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As the **2017 Year of Japan-India friendly exchanges** is launched, renowned Indian film writer-director, Imtiaz Ali and Japanese film making company, Shochiku have collaborated for producing 'Love in Tokyo', a film bringing together culture and characters from India and Japan.

Taking forward the legacy of a cultural agreement that was signed between India and Japan in 1956, the two eastern countries are looking at building stronger ties with touristic, educational and cultural exchanges.

Lately, Indian prime minister, Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart, Shinzo Abe stressed on the need to further expand the opportunities for tourism, youth exchange and educational collaboration between the two countries and decided to mark the year **2017 as a year of Japan-India Friendly Exchanges**. The opening ceremony for the same was held in the Indian capital, New Delhi on January 12 at an event which saw the announcements of various steps taken in the direction and also the unveiling of an Indo-Japanese film project.

Read about the [launch event](#)

It was the opening ceremony of '**2017 as the year of Japan-India friendly exchanges**' when renowned Indian film director-writer, Imtiaz Ali announced the production of his new film, 'Love in Tokyo' in collaboration with a major Japanese film studio, Shochiku.

This Indo-Japanese collaboration is a part of the friendly exchanges the two countries are looking at by means of cultural exchanges.

The film that will be reciting of a love tale will have an Indian actor and a Japanese actress in lead roles. It is to be shot almost entirely in Japan and will hence expose Indian audiences to various facets of the oriental nation with its release; also fulfilling the idea of 'friendly exchanges'.

[Read more about the Bollywood film collaboration](#)

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