

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: **AFTAB SETH**

Date of birth: 17.09.1943

Place of birth: Patna, Bihar, India

Father's name: Late T. N. Seth

Mother's name: Late Venetia Seth

Spouse's name: Mrs. Nilima Seth

Children 1: Ishaan Seth, Son

2: Priyanka Seth, Daughter



Education

- Certificate of enrollment with distinction in the Japanese Language and History, Keio University, Japan, 1963.
- B.A. (Hons) in History from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, 1964. First Class and ranking first in the University in the merit list.
- M.A. in History and Politics, Constitutional History from Christ Church College, Oxford University, 1967.
- *Rhodes Scholar from India, 1965, at Oxford University.*
- *Doctorate of Laws, 1993, American College of Greece, Athens.*

Language

Mother tongue: Hindustani

Foreign language: Japanese-Fluent

Vietnamese-Fairly fluent

German-Fairly fluent

Indonesian-Elementary

French-Elementary

Work

1968	Joined the Foreign Service
1970-72	Served as Third Secretary and Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo, Private Secretary to the Ambassador
1972-75	Under Secretary in-charge of General Administration and Personnel Administration, Ministry of External Affairs, Delhi
1975-76	First Secretary, Embassy of India, Beirut Head of Chancery & Charge d'Affaires & Deputy High Commissioner, Cyprus
1976-79	First Secretary, Head of Chancery & Head of the press and Cultural Wing, Embassy of India, Cairo
1979-83	Consul General of India, Hamburg, with commercial consular Jurisdiction over Bremen Bremerhaven Schleswig-Holstein and lower Saxony
1983-85	Deputy Chief of Mission, embassy of India, Jakarta
1985-88	Consul General of India, Karachi, Pakistan
1988-92	Spokesman of the Foreign Office and Joint Secretary in-charge of External Publicity, New Delhi, India
1992-96	Ambassador of India, Athens, Greece
1997-2000	Ambassador of India, Hanoi, Vietnam
Sep.2000- Sep.2003	Ambassador of India, Tokyo, Japan; also concurrently accredited as Ambassador of India to Federal States of Micronesia
June 2004- March 2006	Professor and Director of Global Security Research Institute, Keio University
April 2006- Present	Chairman of the International Advisory Committee, Keio University Professor of Global Security Research Institute, Keio University

Interests

Reading, writing, poetry, swimming and walking

- Honorary President of “English Speaking Union of Japan”
- Honorary Patron of “Tokyo International Players” (Amateur Dramatic Club)
- Honorary Chairperson of “Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Foundation in Japan”
- Advisor to the “Okinawa-India Friendship society”
- Chairperson of the “Satya Sai Education Association”
- Advisor to the “Bird Life International in Japan”
- Honorary President of “Japan Student Fund”
- Member of “World Parliament of Cultures” (Ankara, Turkey)
- Member of the Board of the worldwide body of “Global Indian Cultural Foundation”, Singapore
- Chairman of “The Global Indian Cultural Centre in Tokyo”, Japan
- Member of the Advisory Board, “Global Indian International School of Tokyo”, Japan
- Co-Chairman of the 4th “Global Top Seminar”, The Japan Productivity Center for Socio-Economic Development (JPC-SED)
- Member of the Board of Management, “Indian Institute of Foreign Trade”, India
- Chairman of the International Advisory Board, “World Peace & Development Association”, People's Republic of China
- Director to the “Japan-India Association”, Japan
- Chairman of the Non-Profit Organisation “Japan-India Partnership Forum”, Japan

Publications

- Articles and Reviews in newspapers and magazines
- A Volume of Poems-“Pillars of Landscape”, 1995: This volume has been published bilingually, in English and Japanese, in March 2002
- Published a book in Japanese in December 2001: “How Much Weight Can an Elephant Lose?” 2002: Awarded The Mahatma Gandhi-Martin Luther King Daisaku Ikeda Award
- Published a book in 2005 : “If an elephant loses weight it is still an elephant” [Keio University Press, Tokyo]