

## Session 10: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Indian PM Modi's Risk Management by Mr. Hiromi Hirose, Ex Bureau Chief of NHK Delhi Office

- After a brief self-introduction, Mr. Hiromi began the session with a small quiz on Prime Minister Modi aiming to highlight his key governance policies.
- Mr. Hiromi set three goals for the students as: 1) To acquire useful knowledge, 2) To learn from field journalist, 3) To set their own question.
- After a precise introduction to PM Modi, the presentation then moved to PM Modi's "Gujarat Model" and its implementation all over India through different crises faced by the Modi government including the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- Mr. Hirose argued that natural disasters are inexplicably linked with political systems and that political parties can make or break their message to their constituents just by their response to natural disasters.
- Mr. Hirose claimed that the "Gujarat Model" was hugely successful in dealing with various natural disasters before and even had been extended nationwide to deal with the current COVID-19 crisis.
- The tone of the presentation then changed from India to Indians in Japan. A major focus of this segment was Mr. Yogendra Puranik, the first person of Indian-origin to become a city councilor in 2019. The students were shown a video of his story.
- Mr. Hirose also explained the Indian migration to Japan starting from 1858, and major events that increased/reduced the number of Indians settling in Japan.

