

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 we celebrated the 108<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sohrab Godrej, the former Chairman of the Godrej Group. Not only was he a businessman of great repute but also a very conscious world citizen. Apart from spearheading this business enterprise, he has contributed immensely to the cause of varied fields like education, environment, population control, wildlife and other socio-cultural matters, and has been notably recognized.

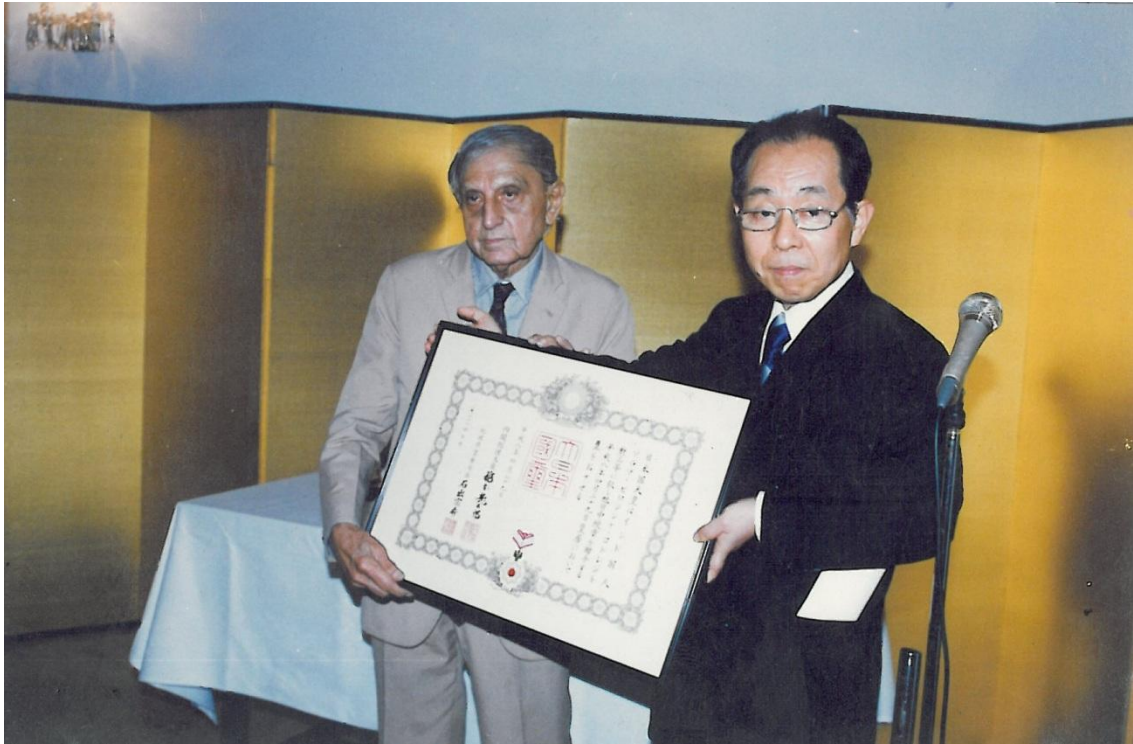
One such prestigious recognition for his work as a 'Good Samaritan' was the **Japanese award "Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon"** given by the Government of Japan in recognition of his meritorious services for Japan by the Consul-General, Shigenobu Suzuki, at a function in Mumbai on 14th June, 1996.

After his first visit to Japan in 1934, Sohrab Godrej was deeply impressed with Japan, its people and culture, and strived to expand areas of interaction between India and Japan and promote friendship between the two countries. He was also a founding member of the Indo-Japanese Association formed in 1954 and its President between 1974 and 1980.

This birth anniversary month, we take great pride in sharing with you some images of the award ceremony and the award itself.



Medal of the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon'



Japanese Consul General Mr. Shigenobu Suzuki presenting the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon' award to Sohrab Godrej.



Seen in this photo (R-L) are Dr. Mrs. Pheroza Godrej, Freyan Crishna, Mrs. Smita Crishna, Mr. Sohrab Godrej, Usha Mehta, Japanese Consul General Mr. Suzuki and his wife Mrs. Suzuki, Mrs. Khatau and others.





**Sohrab Godrej at a meeting of Indo Japanese Association, Bombay.**