



## **Message from President of Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP)**



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I am delighted to learn that the Philatelic Congress of India will be holding the national stamp exhibition – INPEX 2019 to commemorate 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi from 18 to 22 December 2019.

This exhibition will definitely provide a great opportunity to the Indian philatelists to participate in a national exhibition and thereafter qualify to participate in FIAP or FIP exhibitions.

The Philatelic Congress of India held the very first Asian International Stamp Exhibition in 1977 – ASIANA 1977, in Bangalore. The second one was held in 2000 – INDEPEX ASIANA 2000, in Calcutta, the 14<sup>th</sup> Asian International Stamp Exhibition. I definitely look forward to the hosting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian International Stamp Exhibition to be held in India in the near future.

On behalf of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to the organising committee of INPEX 2019 and wishing the exhibition all success.