

The Times

The Times was founded in 1785 and is the world's oldest continually published daily newspaper. The first Times correspondent in Japan was a British Army officer named Major-General Henry Spencer Palmer, who filed from Yokohama from 1885 to 1892. After a century at the Asahi Shimbun, the Tokyo bureau moved to the Yomiuri Shimbun in 2004. Its biggest recent scoop was the news that Princess Masako was being treated for depression. The Imperial Household Agency originally denounced it as a "factually incorrect" and "indecent," but later confirmed details of the Princess's illness. Leo Lewis in the paper's Tokyo Business Correspondent and Richard Lloyd Parry is the Asia Editor. Last year he published In The Times of Madness, a personal account of the violence in Indonesia and East Timor. In December he was named the UK's Foreign Correspondent of the Year.

The Associates

SANJEEV SINHA

It's been an interesting journey from a small desert town in western India to Antarctica, one apparently filled with surprises, serendipity or just pure coincidences, but actually driven by a passion for life and intellectual curiosity.

Sanjeev Sinha, born 1973, used to dream of being a scientist as a small kid, but ironically dropped the idea after making it into the exclusive class of Master of Physics in IIT (Indian Institute of Technology), which boasts of some of the finest minds in String Theory today. He blames it on the social animal inside him. After his masters and a short stint with Artificial Intelligence he ended up in investment banking, which he describes as a good mix of analytical and social aspects in work. The pursuit of cultural diversity took him through a German firm (Dresdner), an American firm (Goldman Sachs) a Japanese one (Mizuho), and now he is with UBS, formerly known as Swiss Bank, a global investment house and the leading private bank. Sanjeev is leading analysis and coordination for new businesses, dealing with virtually every department of the firm across the Asia Pacific region and beyond. Along the way he picked up another Masters in Applied Finance as well.

He has traveled extensively—Africa is the last missing continent from his coverage of the world. But perhaps he will look pretty much the same there as he did in Antarctica. As part of his usual playfulness with the cold, Sanjeev is known for his adventures, like knee-deep walks on polar glaciers or skiing in Hokkaido in just a T-Shirt. But he advises against it because it hurts your elbows when you fall skiing and you are asked for your *gaijin* card so often by police when you are out in half pants on a January morning.

Sanjeev is the founding leader of the IIT alumni group IIT-Japan and is very active in Indo-Japan networking over a broad spectrum of business, politics and academics. He has been a constant source of contacts, information and ideas to journalists

on India, and has been featured in the Asahi Shimbun and on NHK.

In the past, he was into dramatics and painting, but in the present, he prefers to party with friends, play squash or just hit the road on a random trip. As for his latest dream projects, he wishes to go deeper into the meta-self through meditation and formal studies in psychology (a third Masters, perhaps?) and also specifically work on the right part of his brain through learning music.

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