

DPG-JIIA
5th India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum
(8th India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue)

**“India and Japan: Anchoring Stability, Security and
Prosperity Amidst Disruptions of Global Order”**

New Delhi, November 23, 2022

Event Profile

The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) and the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA), as mandated anchor institutions, will convene the 5th annual India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum (8th India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue) in New Delhi on November 23, 2022. The objective of this Track 1.5 dialogue, bringing together strategic experts from think tanks and academia with government officials from both sides, is to deepen intellectual exchanges, enhance understanding of each other’s perceptions of the rapidly evolving global and regional order, and advance their shared interests in the Indo-Pacific.

Since the last edition of the dialogue held virtually on December 21, 2021 the global environment has significantly deteriorated and the world order is now in major distress. In both Asia and Europe, there is resort to unrestrained power for expansionist and coercive pursuits. The conflict and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine continues, despite efforts by the international community. Tensions over Taiwan are at an all time high. At this juncture, it is of utmost importance to uphold, without exception, a global order based on the UN Charter, international law and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states.

As great power rivalries escalate, geopolitical and geo-economic divides are emerging among nations, raising the prospects of a fractured world order. The room for effective and reformed multilateralism has shrunk and global institutions stand further marginalized. There are widespread disruptions across the global economy, with devastating consequences for food and energy security among developing countries.

In this troubled scenario, the relevance of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership has only increased. The two countries are celebrating the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations. Bilateral summits have been resumed in March 2022. The security situation surrounding India and Japan has become more challenging, and the 2+2 Dialogue held in September 2022 has underlined the determination of both sides to reinforce security and defence cooperation. There is incremental progress in virtually all areas of bilateral relations, with considerable scope for further enhancement of trade, investment and technological ties to propel India's economic rise. Going forward, greater alignment on regional initiatives can buttress their common pursuit of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

The 5th Indo-Pacific Forum will seek to forge a broad understanding on convergent interests and the joint contributions of India and Japan to uphold Indo-Pacific stability, security and prosperity amidst disarray in the rules-based order. The first of its closed sessions will evaluate the impact of the fragmenting global order on their respective national, regional and global policies. The second closed session will identify pathways towards more rapid and sustained progress in diverse areas of bilateral relations. The concluding Live/Public session of the Forum will aim to disseminate to the wider national and regional audiences the commitment of both sides to achieve the full potential of economic, technological, defence and security ties, including through diplomatic coordination on Indo-Pacific issues and the Quad agenda.

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Agenda and Programme

November 22, 2022, Tuesday	
1655	Arrival of JIIA Delegation and transfer to Claridges Hotel
2000	Welcome Dinner hosted by DPG (Venue: Claridges Garden)

November 23, 2022, Wednesday	
0830-0900	Registration and Tea/Coffee
0900-0945	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcoming Remarks by Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, Delhi Policy Group (DPG) ➤ Opening Remarks by Amb. SASAE Kenichiro, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) ➤ Keynote Address by Shri Vinay KWATRA, Foreign Secretary

Session 1: Global Developments, Power Alignments and Impact on Indo-Pacific Order

Moderator: Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG (5 minutes)

- Power Assertions, Economic Disruptions and the Contest for Dominance
- Perceptions and Policies of India and Japan
- Addressing Challenges to Rules-Based Order in the Indo-Pacific

0945-1130	<p>Presentations [6-8 minutes each]</p> <p>India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Shilpak AMBULE, Joint Secretary (East Asia), Ministry of External Affairs ➤ Amb. Nalin SURIE, Distinguished Fellow, Delhi Policy Group ➤ Brig. Arun SAHGAL, Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group <p>Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. HAYASHI Makoto, Deputy Director-General/ Deputy Assistant Minister, Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department/ Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau ➤ Dr. KIKUCHI Tsutomu, Professor Emeritus, Aoyama Gakuin University; Senior Adjunct Fellow, JIIA ➤ Prof. TOKUCHI Hideshi, President, The Research Institute for Peace and Security (RIPS) / Former Vice-Minister of Defence for International Affairs, Ministry of Defence (MOD) <p>Discussion [40 minutes]</p>
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1130-1145	Tea/Coffee Break [15 minutes]
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<p>Session 2: India-Japan Bilateral Relations: Pathways to Progress Moderator: Amb. SASAE Kenichiro, President JIIA (5 minutes)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerating Defence and Security Cooperation. • Trade & Investment, Supply Chains and Emerging Technologies • Economic Infrastructure and Regional Projects 	
1145-1340	<p>Special Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ H.E. SUZUKI Hiroshi, Ambassador of Japan to India (Designate) [6-8 minutes] <p>Presentations [6-8 minutes each]</p> <p>Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. MURAYAMA Katsuhiko, Director, Southwest Asia Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) ➤ Mr. SAITO Mitsunori, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency in India

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. KIYOTA Tomoko, Associate Professor, Nagasaki University <p>India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Anant SWARUP, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry ➤ Prof. Ashok Kumar CHAWLA, Adviser (Japan), Ministry of External Affairs ➤ Cmde. Lalit KAPUR, Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, Delhi Policy Group <p>Discussion [40 minutes]</p>
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1340-1430	Lunch
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<p>Open Session: Power and Potential of India and Japan in Shaping the Indo-Pacific Order</p> <p>Co-Moderated by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ambassador Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG ➤ Ambassador SASAE Kenichiro, President, JIIA 	
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<p>1430-1600 IST (1800-1930 JST)</p>	<p>Keynotes (Recorded Video Messages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ H.E. Dr. S. JAISHANKAR, Minister of External Affairs of India ➤ H.E. Mr. HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Brief Opening Remarks (5 minutes per speaker) followed by Discussion and Q&A</p> <p>India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amb. Kanwal SIBAL, former Foreign Secretary of India and former Ambassador to Russia, France, Turkey, and Egypt ➤ V. Adm. Anil CHOPRA, Senior Fellow for Global Security Dynamics, Delhi Policy Group ➤ Dr. V.S. SESHADRI, Senior Fellow for International Trade, Delhi Policy Group
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	Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adm. TAKEI Tomohisa, Former Chief of Staff of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF)/Adjunct Fellow, JIIA ➤ Mr. SUZUKI Takashi, Chief Director General of JETRO in India. ➤ Dr. KIKUCHI Tsutomu, Professor Emeritus, Aoyama Gakuin University; Senior Adjunct Fellow, JIIA
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1600 – 1615	Tea / Coffee Break (15 minutes)
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1615 – 1630	Concluding Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Signing of DPG-JIIA Joint Statement Closing Remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amb. SASAE Kenichiro, President, JIIA ➤ Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG Vote of thanks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cmde. Lalit KAPUR, Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, Delhi Policy Group
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2000	Dinner hosted by Embassy of Japan (Venue: Claridges Hotel)
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November 24, 2022, Thursday

	Free Programme
1955	Departure of JIIA Delegation for Tokyo