

**JIIA-DPG  
6<sup>th</sup> Japan - India Indo-Pacific Forum  
(9<sup>th</sup> Japan - India Track 1.5 Dialogue)**

**"Indispensable Partnership: Japan and India Amidst Shifting Global Dynamics"**

**Tokyo, November 15-16, 2023**

**Event Profile**

The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) and the Delhi Policy Group (DPG) are set to convene the 6th annual Japan-India Indo-Pacific Forum (9th India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue) in Tokyo on November 15-16, 2023. The objective of this Track 1.5 dialogue is to foster a deeper intellectual exchange, enhance understanding of each other's perspectives regarding the rapidly evolving regional and global order, and advance their mutual interests in the Indo-Pacific region.

Since the previous dialogue held in New Delhi on November 23, 2022, the global landscape has experienced substantial deterioration, with the world order facing significant distress. In both Asia and Europe, there is a stark exhibition of unrestrained power for expansionist and coercive endeavors. The conflict in Ukraine persist despite calls for peaceful resolution and tensions surrounding Taiwan and the Philippines continue to escalate to unprecedented levels. Moreover, the "Israel-Hamas war" adds another layer of complexity to the geopolitical landscape. Upholding a global order based on the UN Charter, international law, and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states is deemed imperative at this critical juncture. Considering the aforementioned circumstances, it is essential to reflect upon the significance and responsibilities of Japan as the host of the G7, and India as the host of the G20.

The 6th Indo-Pacific Forum aims to deepen the understanding of Japan and India's shared interests and actions towards Indo-Pacific stability, security, and prosperity amidst a changing global order. The first closed session explores global power shifts, QUAD's cooperation with regional bodies, addressing challenges from China, and discussing reformed multilateralism and the G20's role in a global order. The second closed session delves into India-Japan bilateral relations, focusing on maritime security, defense equipment cooperation, and economic security, including collaboration on critical technologies. The concluding Live/Public session of the Forum disseminates the collaborative resolve of India and Japan in shaping the Indo-Pacific's future, covering their economic, technological, defense, and security ties, and coordinated approach on Indo-Pacific issues and global challenges.

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**Agenda and Programme**

**November 14, 2023, Tuesday**

06:35 JST	<b>Arrival of DPG Delegation in Tokyo</b> ( <i>Stay at:</i> The Okura Tokyo, 2-10-4 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001, Japan; Tel: +81(3)3582-0111)
19:00 JST	<b>Dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Sibi GEORGE, Ambassador of India to Japan</b> ( <i>Venue:</i> India House, 2-18-17 Nishiwaseda, Shinjuku-ku))

**November 15, 2023, Wednesday**

13:30 - 14:00 JST (10:00- 10:30 IST)	<b>Registration and Tea/Coffee</b>
14:00 - 15:00 (10:30- 11:30 IST)	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>Opening Remarks by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amb. SASAE Kenichiro</b>, President, JIIA</li> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH</b>, Director General, DPG</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Remarks by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amb. ICHIKAWA Keiichi</b>, Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary/ Deputy Secretary-General of the National Security Secretariat</li> <li>➤ <b>H.E. Mr. Sibi GEORGE</b>, Ambassador of India to Japan</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>

**Session 1: Global Power Alignments and Impact of Regional Developments on the Indo-Pacific**

Moderator: Ambassador SASAE Kenichiro, President, JIIA

- Addressing China’s Growing Challenge across the Indo-Pacific
- QUAD Cooperation with Regional Mechanisms in the Indo-Pacific
- Reformed Multilateralism, the G20 Process and Equitable Global Order

15:00 - 16:30 JST  
(11:30- 13:00 IST)

**Presentations**

**Japan**

- **Prof. KAMIYA Mataka**, National Defense Academy/ Adjunct Fellow, JIIA
- **Prof. KIKUCHI Tsutomu**, Emeritus Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University; Senior Adjunct Fellow, JIIA
- **Amb. ISHII Masafumi**, Former Ambassador of Japan to Indonesia/ Adjunct Fellow, JIIA / Special adjunct professor of the Faculty of Law Gakushuin University

**India**

- **Mr. Gourangalal DAS**, Joint Secretary (East Asia), Ministry of External Affairs
- **Ambassador Nalin SURIE**, Distinguished Fellow for Diplomacy, Delhi Policy Group
- **Brig. Arun SAHGAL (Retd.)**, Senior Fellow for Strategic and Regional Security, Delhi Policy Group

**Discussion**

16:30-16:45

**Tea/Coffee Break**

**Session 2: India-Japan Bilateral Relations and Cooperation**

Moderator: Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG

- Maritime Security Cooperation
- Defense Equipment Cooperation
- Economic Security (including collaboration in Critical and Emerging Technologies)

16:45 -18:15 JST (13:15- 14:45 IST)	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <p><b>India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Anant SWARUP</b>, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>➤ <b>Dr. Ashok Kumar CHAWLA</b>, Adviser (Japan), Ministry of External Affairs (Online)</li> <li>➤ <b>Cmde. Lalit KAPUR</b> (Retd.), Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, Delhi Policy Group</li> <li>➤ <b>Dr. V.S. SESHADRI</b>, Senior Fellow for Economic Security, Delhi Policy Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Japan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Vice Adm. IKEDA Tokuhiko</b>, Former Commandant, Kure District /VADM, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (Ret.) / Director of the National Security Institute at Fujitsu Defense &amp;National Security Limited</li> <li>➤ <b>Dr. NISHIWAKI Osamu</b>, Assistant Commissioner, Acquisition, Technology &amp; Logistics Agency, Ministry of Defense</li> <li>➤ <b>Mr. MURAYAMA Katsuhiko</b>, Director, Southwest Asia Office, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
19:00 JST	<p><b>Dinner hosted by JIIA</b></p> <p><i>(Venue: L'étoile, 41st Floor of The Okura Tokyo)</i></p>

<p><b>November 16, 2023, Thursday</b></p>	
08:30-09:00 JST	<p><b>Registration and Tea/Coffee</b></p>
<p><b>Open Session: The Influence and Promise of India and Japan in Shaping the Future of the Indo-Pacific</b></p> <p>Co-Moderated by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ambassador SASAE Kenichiro, President, JIIA</li> <li>➤ Ambassador Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG</li> </ul>	

<p>09:00 - 10:15 JST (5:30-6:45 IST)</p>	<p><b>Keynotes</b> (Recorded Video Messages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>H.E. Ms. KAMIKAWA Yoko</b>, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan</li> <li>➤ <b>H.E. Dr. S. JAISHANKAR</b>, Minister of External Affairs of India</li> </ul> <p><b>India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Ambassador Nalin SURIE</b>, Distinguished Fellow for Diplomacy, Delhi Policy Group</li> <li>➤ <b>Brig. Arun SAHGAL (Retd.)</b>, Senior Fellow for Strategic and Regional Security, Delhi Policy Group</li> <li>➤ <b>Cmdr. Lalit KAPUR (Retd.)</b>, Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, Delhi Policy Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Japan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mr. HAYASHI Makoto</b>, Deputy Director-General / Deputy Assistant Minister, Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department</li> <li>➤ <b>Dr. KIKUCHI Tsutomu</b>, Professor Emeritus, Aoyama Gakuin University</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
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<p>10:15 - 10:30 JST (6:45- 7:00 IST)</p>	<p><b>Concluding Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Signing JIIA-DPG Joint Statement</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing Remarks by</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH</b>, Director General, DPG</li> <li>➤ <b>Amb. SASAE Kenichiro</b>, President, JIIA</li> </ul>
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<p><b>November 17, 2023, Friday</b></p>	
<p>11:45 JST</p>	<p><b>Departure of DPG Delegation for Delhi</b></p>