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"India and Japan: Anchoring Global Order and Indo-Pacific Stability"
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Joint Statement

The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) and the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) convened the 9th India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum in New Delhi on November 16-17, 2026. This was also the 12th edition of the India-Japan Dialogue series co-anchored by DPG and JIIA since 2016. The event was hosted by DPG with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The JIIA delegation was supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan.

Since its inception, this Forum has played an important role in forging deeper mutual understanding on the respective roles and shared interests of India and Japan as maritime democracies and indispensable strategic partners for Indo-Pacific stability, prosperity and progress.

H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs (EAM) of India, and H.E. Mr. Motegi Toshimitsu, Minister of Foreign Affairs (FM) of Japan, delivered virtual Keynote addresses at the Forum.

The DPG and JIIA delegations were led respectively by Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh, Director General, DPG and Ambassador Sasae Kenichiro, President of JIIA.

The theme of this year's Forum, "India and Japan: Anchoring Global Order and Indo-Pacific Stability", was seen as particularly relevant and timely as the global order faces significant structural shifts driven by changing power equations, intensifying geopolitical competition, disruptive conflicts and rapid technological change.

The 16^{the} Annual India-Japan Summit held in New Delhi on July 2, 2026 has marked an important new phase in bilateral relations, reflecting the high degree of mutual trust and converging interests. The Summit, inter alia, recognised that Japan's updated FOIP vision and India's MAHASAGAR initiative are complementary expressions of a shared outlook for the Indo-Pacific and beyond. Leaders also concurred on advancing cooperation based on three priority areas: defence and security; economic partnership; and people to people relations.

Deliberations at the Forum comprised three closed-door sessions on November 16 and a public session on November 17. The first closed-door session reviewed the state of the global order at crossroads; the second examined partnership for securing peace in the Indo-Pacific; and the third explored ways to accelerate bilateral relations in priority areas, in particular economic security, energy resilience, technology and innovation that are so vital for the public welfare and progress of both peoples.

Across all sessions, panelists and participants in the Forum strongly emphasised the critical role of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership (SSGP) for sustaining normative order based on international law and the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, as well as for ensuring a free, open, inclusive, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Session 1 examined the major strategic transitions, challenges and uncertainties impacting the global order. Discussions also focused on the erosion of international law, the UN Charter and established multilateral frameworks. The implications of economic coercion, unilateral measures, arbitrary restrictions, and constrained supply chains including for food and energy, particularly for the Global South, were highlighted. The importance of sustained India-Japan dialogue and coordination, together with like-minded partners, to uphold a stable, predictable and inclusive international order was underlined.

Session 2 focused on strengthening India-Japan cooperation to secure peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. Against the backdrop of grey zone coercion and unilateral attempts to change the status quo, discussions highlighted the complementarity between Japan's updated FOIP vision and India's MAHASAGAR initiative and IPOI, as well as the importance of enhanced coordination through the Quad and other regional partnerships. The need to deepen defence and maritime security cooperation and capacity-building for regional partners was underscored. Practical cooperation in connectivity, ports and logistics, and energy resilience was also highlighted, with an emphasis on translating shared strategic objectives into coordinated initiatives responsive to regional priorities.

Session 3 focused on advancing the India-Japan SSGP through stronger institutional cooperation and effective implementation. Building on the priorities set at the 16th Annual Summit held in July 2026, emphasis was placed on economic security and resilient supply chains, including cooperation in critical minerals, semiconductors and emerging technologies. Opportunities for collaboration in clean energy, innovation and people-to-people exchanges were also highlighted. The need for deeper industrial integration, investment, technology partnerships and effective project monitoring was underscored to translate bilateral commitments into tangible outcomes.

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Panelists at the Public Session welcomed the Keynote addresses of EAM Dr. Jaishankar and FM Motegi, which reflected the importance attached by both India and Japan to enhancing bilateral relations from a strategic, global and regional perspective. They also noted sustained progress in defence and security ties, with the early convening of the Ministerial 2+2 dialogue. Panelists focused their remarks on key areas of strategic coordination, shared responsibilities and growing convergences, including in strengthening regional economic resilience and energy security. They once again emphasised the need to translate strategic convergence into practical cooperation through compatible approaches, clear priorities and sustained implementation.

Participants at the Forum included distinguished experts, academics and senior government representatives from both sides. They recalled that over the coming year, the 75th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations will be observed as a "year of shared horizons"; 2027 will also mark the 20th anniversary of the late Abe Shinzo's landmark address unveiling the grand strategy of the Indo-Pacific. They reaffirmed their commitment to sustaining the Forum's policy relevance and advancing mutually beneficial cooperation under the SSGP that also promotes broader regional stability and prosperity.

On behalf of the JIIA delegation, Ambassador Sasae Kenichiro, President of JIIA, thanked DPG and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements. The 10th edition of the DPG-JIIA India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum (13th DPG-JIIA India-Japan Dialogue) will be hosted by JIIA in Tokyo in 2027, with dates to be finalised through mutual consultations.

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