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8th JAPAN-INDIA INDO-PACIFIC FORUM
11th Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue

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Joint Statement

The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) and the Delhi Policy Group (DPG) convened the 8th Japan–India Indo-Pacific Forum on November 4–5, 2025. This was the 11th edition of the Japan–India Track 1.5 Dialogue series co-anchored by JIIA and DPG. The event was hosted by JIIA with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan. The DPG delegation was supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

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

Amid evolving strategic circumstances in the Indo-Pacific, participants reaffirmed that the Japan–India “Special Strategic and Global Partnership” (SSGP) remains central to a free, open, inclusive and rules-based regional order grounded in the UN Charter and international law. Marking the 10th anniversary of the SSGP’s establishment, the Forum provided an opportunity to take stock of a decade of progress and to identify new avenues for cooperation leading up to the 75th anniversary of India-Japan diplomatic relations in 2027. Discussions reflected shared priorities on regional stability, including closer cooperation through the Quad, and the need for deeper engagement across security, the economy, investment, innovation and people-to-people exchanges.

The Forum’s deliberations comprised two closed-door sessions, “Strategic Transitions and Global Order” and “Japan–India Cooperation: 10 Years of the SSGP”, and a public panel discussion on “Regional and Multilateral Coordination”.

The Minister of External Affairs of India delivered a virtual address to the Forum, and the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan addressed the Forum.

Participants emphasized the need for enhanced strategic cooperation between Japan and India as global dynamics, especially in the Indo-Pacific, continue to transform. The shifting power dynamics also accentuate the necessity of rules-based interactions amongst nations, in accordance with the UN Charter and international law.

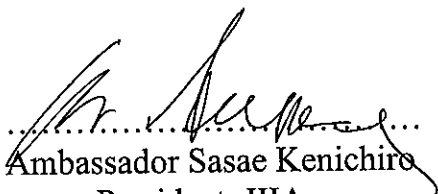
Session 1 examined major strategic transitions shaping the global and regional order. Discussions focused on evolving U.S. policy in the Indo-Pacific, China’s regional posture and growing influence, and the wider impact of conflicts in Europe and the Middle East on Indo-Pacific stability. Participants recognised that these developments are redefining power balances and accelerating shifts in the security environment. They underlined the importance of sustained dialogue and coordination between Japan and India, together with other like-minded partners, to uphold a stable, rules-based Indo-Pacific order.

Session 2 focused on advancing cooperation under the Special Strategic and Global Partnership (SSGP). Building on the strategic context highlighted in the earlier session, participants reviewed progress achieved over the past decade and discussed ways to steer the partnership toward the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2027. They underlined the importance of strengthening defence and security ties, enhancing maritime and economic security, and promoting resilient supply chains, connectivity, and technological collaboration. Participants welcomed the outcomes of the 15th Japan–India Annual Summit in August 2025, including the Joint Statement on Partnership for Security and Prosperity of our Next Generation, and its associated Joint Vision for the Next Decade, Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation, and Action Plan for India-Japan Human Resource Exchange and Cooperation. Following the successful achievement of the JPY 5 trillion investment and financing target for the period 2022-27, they welcomed the decision to set a new target of JPY 10 trillion in private investment in India. They also highlighted cooperation on critical minerals and semiconductor supply chains as key to ensuring economic resilience and strategic autonomy.

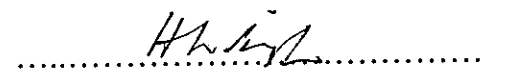
The Open Session focused on regional and multilateral coordination. Panelists were of the view that at a time the international system is facing major disruptions and uncertainty, multilateral engagement between Japan and India must be both more robust and better coordinated, enabling them to build broader and more inclusive frameworks for international development, security and cooperation. Discussions examined how Japan and India can enhance the role of the Quad in delivering regional public goods, strengthen engagement with Africa and the Global South, and promote inclusive cooperation through Japan-India-Plus frameworks, with particular attention to Southeast Asian partners such as Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines. Participants noted that these initiatives complement ASEAN centrality and contribute to a more resilient and connected Indo-Pacific region founded on shared principles of openness, transparency and respect for international law. In this context, they further noted the importance of collaboration in the Indian Ocean.

Participants at the Forum included distinguished experts, senior governmental representatives from both sides, and diplomatic officials from the Embassy of India in Tokyo. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to sustain the Forum’s policy relevance and to promote concrete cooperation under the SSGP in support of regional stability and prosperity.

On behalf of the DPG delegation, Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh thanked JIIA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, for their hospitality and excellent arrangements. The next edition of the Forum, the 12th Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue, will be hosted by DPG in New Delhi in 2026. Dates will be finalized through mutual consultations.



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