

DPG Roundtable Discussion on "Future of India-Japan Relations" New Delhi, August 22, 2025 1545 – 1700 hrs

Venue: DPG Conference Room, 1st Floor, Core 5A, India Habitat Centre

Programme

1545-1600	Arrival of Participants; Tea/Coffee	
1600-1605	➤ Welcome Remarks by Amb. Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow for Act East Diplomacy, DPG (5 minutes)	
1605-1610	➤ Opening Remarks by Dr. Ashok Kumar Chawla, Senior Fellow for India-Japan Security Studies and Moderator (5 minutes)	
1610-1630	➤ Keynote Address by H.E. Mr. ONO Keiichi, Ambassador of Japan to India (20 minutes)	
1630-1640	➤ Brief Remarks by Select Participants (2-3 minutes each)	
1640-1655	➤ Moderated Discussion, followed by Q/A	
1655-1700	➤ Closing Remarks by Amb. Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow for Act East Diplomacy, DPG (5 minutes)	
1700	Tea / Coffee	

List of Participants

INDIA			
Indian Domain Experts			
Amb. Sanjay Kumar Verma*	Chairperson, RIS		
Mr Vineet Jain*	Partner, Nomura Research Institute Consulting & Solutions India		
Dr. Titli Basu*	Associate Professor, School of International Studies (SIS), JNU and Visiting Research Fellow, IDE-JETRO		
Dr. Nisha Taneja*	Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)		
Ms. Sanjana Joshi	Senior Fellow, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)		
Mr. Akshat Mayne	PhD Scholar, JNU (Asymmetric Alignment: Japan and Taiwan in the Post-Cold War East Asian Order) – too academic in his questions		
Ms. Nithya Jacob	PhD Scholar, JNU (Batteries Against Barriers: Japan's Innovation and Diversification in the Era of Resource Nationalism)		
Delhi Policy Group			
Amb. Biren Nanda*	Senior Fellow for Act East Diplomacy and Roundtable Chair		
Prof. Ashok Kumar Chawla*	Senior Fellow for India-Japan Security Studies and Moderator		
V.Adm. Anil Chopra (Retd.)	Distinguished Fellow for Maritime Strategy		
Cmde. Lalit Kapur (Retd.)*	Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy		
Ms. Jayantika Rao T.V.	Research Associate		
Ms. Divya Rai	Research Associate		
Ms. Arshiya Chaturvedi	Research Associate		

Embassy of Japan		
H.E. ONO Keiichi*	Ambassador of Japan to India	
Mr. SASAKI Kei	Second Secretary	

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