

JIIA-DPG
4th Japan-India Indo-Pacific Forum
(7th Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue)
“Partnership for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific”
Date: December 21, 2021

Event Profile

Since the last edition of this dialogue in November 2020, Japan and India have both faced strategic disturbances in their respective neighbourhoods. These have included India’s prolonged border standoff with China and recent developments in Afghanistan which have deeply impacted India’s security environment. Similarly, there are unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force in the East and South China Seas.

On the positive side, the Quad, comprising Japan, India, Australia and the U.S., has emerged as the leading proponent of a free and open Indo-Pacific and has stepped-up practical cooperation on key challenges facing the region, including COVID-19 vaccines, climate change and emerging technologies. At their second summit meeting held in September, Quad leaders reaffirmed their commitment to promoting a free, open, rules-based order, rooted in international law and undaunted by coercion, and to bolster security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and beyond. A new Australia-UK-US (AUKUS) security partnership has also emerged, to deal with the military aspects of regional stability.

Japan and India have a vital role to play in shaping a free, open, inclusive, cooperative and peaceful regional order in the Indo-Pacific based on their shared values and respect for international law. In the past year, there has been steady progress in their bilateral relationship, especially in the areas of economic infrastructure, regional connectivity, digital technologies, and skill development. They have concluded a Memorandum of Cooperation on a Basic Framework for Partnership for Proper Operation of the System pertaining to “Specified Skilled Worker (SSW)” and overseen the progress of the Japan-India Digital Partnership. There is a clear need for Japan and India to do more to meet the economic challenges in the post-COVID-19 world by seeking new avenues for bilateral cooperation, from boosting people to people ties and joint capacity-building to diversified and resilient supply chains, clean energy, public health, cyber security, emerging technologies, and space cooperation.

The broad theme of the 4th Indo-Pacific Forum will be forging a stronger “Partnership for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific” between Japan and India across multiple domains.

Agenda and Programme

0915 – 0930 IST (1245 – 1300 JST)	Participants join Zoom Meeting
0930 – 1000 IST (1300 – 1330 JST)	Opening Session Remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amb. SASAE Kenichiro, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA) ➤ Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, Delhi Policy Group (DPG)

Session 1 : Free and Open Indo-Pacific and the Quad Moderated by Amb. SASAE Kenichiro, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Trends and Dissemination of FOIP • Great Power Competition in the Indo-Pacific and Implications • Stabilising Security Architecture: Role of Quad and Cooperation with ASEAN 	
1000 – 1130 IST (1330 – 1500 JST)	Presentations (8-10 mins. each) Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amb. ARIMA Yutaka, Deputy Assistant Minister (Ambassador), Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) ➤ Prof. OBA Mie, Professor, Kanagawa University India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Naveen SRIVASTAVA, Additional Secretary (East Asia), Ministry of External Affairs ➤ Cmde. Lalit KAPUR, Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, Delhi Policy Group Discussion (50 mins)

1130 – 1145 IST (1500 – 1515 JST)	Break (15 minutes)
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Session 2 : Japan-India Bilateral Relations post the COVID-19 Pandemic

Moderated by Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH
 Director General, Delhi Policy Group (DPG)

- Defence Cooperation and Identifying Common Strategic Challenges
- Trade and Economic Cooperation
- Boosting Human Exchange

1145 – 1315 IST
 (1515 – 1645
 JST)

Presentations (6-8 mins. each)

Japan

- **Mr. KANO Takehiro**, Director-General, Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)
- **Mr. FUKUOKA Noriyoshi**, Director, Southwest Asia Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
- **Prof. HORIMOTO Takenori**, Visiting Professor, Gifu Women's University

India

- **Mr. Sanjay CHADHA**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- **Prof. Ashok Kumar CHAWLA**, Advisor (Japan), Ministry of External Affairs
- **Brig. Arun SAHGAL**, Senior Fellow for Strategic & Regional Security, Delhi Policy Group

Discussion (50 mins)

1315 – 1345 IST
 (1645 – 1715
 JST)

Break (30 minutes)

Open Session: Enhancing Japan-India cooperation for FOIP and role of the Quad Co-Moderated by	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amb. SASAE Kenichiro, President, JIIA ➤ Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG 	
1345 – 1515 IST (1715 – 1845 JST)	<p><u>Keynotes</u> (Recorded Video Messages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ H.E. HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan ➤ H.E. Dr. S. JAISHANKAR, Minister of External Affairs of India <p><u>Panel Discussion</u> (Brief Opening Remarks followed by Discussion and Q & A, 5 min/speaker)</p> <p>Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prof. KIKUCHI Tsutomu, Senior Adjunct Fellow, JIIA / Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University ➤ Mr. NOGUCHI Yasushi, Director General for International Affairs, Ministry of Defense (MOD) <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. ➤ Vice Admiral Anil CHOPRA, PVSM, AVSM, former Commander-in-Chief, Western Naval Command & Eastern Naval Command, and former Director-General, Indian Coast Guard. <p>Discussion (50 mins)</p>
1515 – 1530 IST (1845 – 1900 JST)	<p>Break (15 minutes)</p>
1530 – 1600 IST (1900– 1930 JST)	<p>Concluding Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rapporteur’s Summary (by Mr. Sanjay PULIPAKA, Senior Fellow, DPG) ➤ JIIA-DPG Joint Statement <p>Concluding Remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG ➤ Amb. SASAE Kenichiro, President, JIIA