

## **DPG-JIIA**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum**

### **(6<sup>th</sup> India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue)**

### **“Bridging the Indo-Pacific”**

**Date: November 18, 2020**

### **Event Profile**

The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) and the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA) as mandated anchor institutions will jointly organise the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum (6<sup>th</sup> India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue) on November 18, 2020. Owing to the restrictions on travel necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic, this year’s Forum will be held virtually.

Over the past five years, DPG-JIIA Track 1.5 dialogues have aimed to improve strategic communication between India and Japan, two trusted partners with shared values and interests that have the potential of making major contributions to Asia’s future. Following the direction of the two Prime Ministers at their annual summit in 2017 encouraging regular interactions among senior officials and think-tanks, DPG and JIIA developed an updated concept for an expanded Track 1.5 Dialogue, which was fittingly renamed the India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum in 2018.

The inaugural Indo-Pacific Forum was held in New Delhi in October, 2018. It called upon India and Japan to “assume greater regional responsibilities as Asia’s leading maritime democracies to...mitigate unilateral assertions and help sustain peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific.”

The second Indo-Pacific Forum was held in Tokyo in October, 2019 focused on “Navigating the Great Power Rivalry” and strengthening the contributions of India and Japan to a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. The Forum deliberated concrete proposals for enhanced India-Japan Security Cooperation and assessed prospects for Third Country cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. Discussions were also held on Digital Connectivity cooperation between the two countries in the midst of growing digital competition. To increase public awareness about the importance of India-Japan partnership, the deliberations concluded in a Public Forum attended by diplomats, academics and students.

Since the last meeting of the Forum, there have been extraordinary shifts and strains in the international order. These have included a “Black Swan” Coronavirus-19 pandemic which triggered global lockdowns, pushing the world into its worst economic crisis in decades. We are also witnessing an intensification of great power competition and growing unilateral assertions of coercive power that undermine the international rule of law. This has created a major strategic imbalance in the Indo-Pacific, highlighting the importance of regional security architecture to shape rules-based behaviour of states, including the India-Japan-Australia-US security dialogue framework known as the Quad. The pandemic has also underscored the importance of secure and resilient supply chains and the need for reformed multilateralism, to prevent any actor from dictating the global economic agenda and undermining existing multilateral institutions.

These developments largely dictate the agenda for the upcoming Forum which will focus on Global Order and the Indo-Pacific (Session I), India-Japan Bilateral Relations (Session II) and Economic Cooperation, Investment and Trade (Session III). Session I and II will be closed-door and governed by the Chatham House Rule. Session III will be a public session, which will be live-streamed via social media.

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**Agenda and Program**

0845 – 0900 (1215 – 1230 Japan Time)	<b>Participants join WebEx Meeting</b>
0900 – 1000 (1230 – 1330)	<b>Opening Session</b> <b>Remarks by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Hemant Krishan Singh</b>, Director General, Delhi Policy Group (DPG)</li> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Kenichiro Sasae</b>, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA)</li> </ul> <b>Keynote Addresses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Toshimitsu Motegi</b>, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan</li> <li>➤ <b>Dr. S. Jaishankar</b>, Minister of External Affairs of India</li> </ul>

**Session 1: Global Order and the Indo-Pacific**

Moderator: Amb. H.K. Singh (5 minutes)

The “Black Swan” Coronavirus-19 pandemic has triggered global lockdowns, pushing the world into its worst health and economic crisis in decades, adding to global uncertainties and leading to an intensification of great power competition. Coercive challenges to regional order in the Indo-Pacific have highlighted the importance of regional security architecture to shape rules-based behaviour of states. Speakers at this session will discuss:

- Global Trends, Power Alignments and US posture.
- Great Power Competition in the Indo-Pacific and Implications.
- Stabilising Security Architecture: Role of Quad and Quad Plus.

1000 – 1130 (1330 – 1500)	<p><b>Presentations</b> [Total time – 60 minutes]</p> <p><b>MOFA, Japan</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Kenichiro Sasae</b>, President JIIA and Special Advisor, MOFA</li> </ul> <p><b>MEA, India</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Dr. Sumit Seth</b>, Director, Policy Planning and Research Division</li> <li>➤ <b>Ashok Malik</b>, Policy Advisor</li> </ul> <p><b>JIIA</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Prof. Tustomu Kikuchi</b>, Senior Adjunct Fellow, JIIA/Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University</li> </ul> <p><b>DPG</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Nalin Surie</b>, Distinguished Fellow</li> <li>➤ <b>Brig. Arun Sahgal</b>, Senior Fellow</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> [25 minutes]</p>
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1130 – 1145 (1500 – 1515)	<p><b>Break</b> [15 minutes]</p>
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<p><b>Session 2: India-Japan Bilateral Relations</b>          Moderator: Amb. Kenichiro Sasae (5 minutes)</p>
<p>Twelve years after the conclusion of a Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation, both countries have taken incremental steps to institutionalise bilateral defence and security relations, progress military exchanges and exercises, and advance cooperation in the cyber and asymmetric domains. An Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) has been concluded this year. Taking cognisance of this progress, speakers at this session will focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japan-India Cooperation to address Common Challenges.</li> <li>• Third-country Cooperation and Connectivity Projects.</li> <li>• Defence, Cyber and Space Cooperation: A Reality Check.</li> </ul>

1145 – 1315 (1515 – 1645)	<p><b>Presentations</b> [Total time – 60 minutes]</p> <p><b>MEA and MOD, India</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Naveen Srivastava</b>, Joint Secretary (East Asia)</li> <li>➤ <b>Vishal Gagan</b>, Joint Secretary (Planning and Coordination), MOD</li> </ul> <p><b>MOFA, Japan</b> [10 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Kenichi Kobayashi</b>, Director-General/Assistant Minister, Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department, MOFA</li> </ul> <p><b>MOD, Japan</b> [10 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Yasushi Noguchi</b>, Director General for International Affairs, Bureau of Defense Policy, Ministry of Defense (MOD)</li> </ul> <p><b>DPG</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Sanjay Pulipaka</b>, Senior Fellow</li> <li>➤ <b>Cmde. Lalit Kapur</b>, Senior Fellow</li> </ul> <p><b>JIIA</b> [10 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Kazutoshi Tamari</b>, Associate Professor, Chukyo University</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> [25 minutes]</p>
1315 – 1330 (1645 – 1700)	<p><b>Break</b> [15 minutes]</p>

### **Session 3: Economic Cooperation, Investment and Trade (*OPEN SESSION*)**

Moderators: Amb. H. K. Singh and Amb. Kenichiro Sasae (5 minutes)

In the aftermath of the global economic crisis induced by the Covid-19 pandemic, disenchantment with globalisation has grown and a trend towards the decoupling of trade, investment, technology and supply chains has accelerated. In this emerging scenario, India and Japan need to critically review prospects for the enhancement of bilateral trade and investment, including the development of diversified, resilient and secure supply chains. Against this backdrop, speakers in this session will focus on:

- Global Economic Scenario and Implications for the Indo-Pacific.
- Enhancing Bilateral Trade and Investment: Opportunities and Constraints.
- India-Japan Resilient Supply Chains – Expectations and Reality.

<p>1330 – 1500 (1700 – 1830)</p>	<p><b>Presentations</b> [Total time – 60 minutes]</p> <p><b>METI, Japan</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Dr. Akihiko Tamura SJD</b>, Director General for Trade Policy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)</li> </ul> <p><b>MC&amp;I, India</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Sanjay Chadha</b>, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry</li> </ul> <p><b>JIIA</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Prof. Yukiko Fukagawa</b>, Professor, Waseda University</li> <li>➤ <b>Shigekazu Suenaga</b>, Chief Representative, Toray Industries, Inc. for India</li> </ul> <p><b>DPG</b> [15 minutes]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Dr. V.S. Seshadri</b>, Senior Fellow</li> <li>➤ <b>Vikram Kirloskar</b>, Vice Chairman, Toyota Kirloskar Motor</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> [25 minutes]</p>
<p>1500 – 1515 (1830 – 1845)</p>	<p><b>Break</b> (15 minutes)</p>
<p>1515 – 1545 (1845 – 1915)</p>	<p><b>Concluding Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rapporteur’s Summary by <b>Sanjay Pulipaka</b>, Senior Fellow</li> <li>➤ DPG-JIIA Joint Statement</li> </ul> <p><b>Remarks by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Kenichiro Sasae</b>, President, JIIA</li> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Hemant Krishan Singh</b>, Director General, DPG</li> </ul>