

**DPG-JIIA**  
**7<sup>th</sup> India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum**  
**(10<sup>th</sup> India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue)**

**“India and Japan: Partners for Asian Stability and Progress”**

**New Delhi, November 18-19, 2024**

**Event Profile**

The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) and the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA), as mandated anchor institutions, will convene the 7<sup>th</sup> annual India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum (10<sup>th</sup> India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue) in New Delhi on November 18-19, 2024, with the support of MEA (India) and MOFA (Japan).

The objective of this Track 1.5 dialogue, bringing together strategic experts from think tanks and academia with government officials from both sides, is to deepen intellectual exchanges, enhance understanding of each other’s national aspirations and regional objectives, and foster a deeper bilateral partnership based on mutual trust and shared interests, thereby contributing to Indo-Pacific order, stability and prosperity.

Since the previous edition of the dialogue, which was held in Tokyo on November 15-16, 2023, challenges to international peace and stability have become more formidable as conflicts and great power competition have escalated, resulting in pervasive volatility in the international system. The need to prioritise dialogue and diplomacy to resolve conflicts and disputes peacefully in accordance with international law, and for all nations to refrain from attempts to unilaterally change the status quo, has never been greater.

At this juncture, as Asia’s leading democracies committed to the rule of law, India and Japan bear special responsibility to champion and uphold a global order based on the principles and purposes of the UN Charter, international law, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states, and sustainable development of all nations. They must also redouble their efforts to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific that is stable, secure and prosperous.

The combined efforts of India and Japan can help build broader and more inclusive convergences on international security and cooperation, including among the emerging powers of the Indo-Pacific and the nations of the Global South.

The strategic vision laid out with great eloquence and clarity in 2007 by Japan's former Prime Minister, the late Shinzo Abe, in his words: "A strong India is in the best interest of Japan, and a strong Japan is in the best interest of India", continues to guide bilateral relations. To provide mutual reinforcement to each other as strategic partners and bolster regional stability, India and Japan are making efforts to become better aligned on the critical security issues of the Indo-Pacific. They are investing in their own defence capabilities and enhancing bilateral defence cooperation.

The positive outcomes of the India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Meeting held in New Delhi on August 20, 2024, including the decision to prepare an updated framework for security cooperation in keeping with contemporary realities, augur well.

Going forward, India and Japan will also need to raise the level of their overall partnership, taking into account evolving national goals and priorities.

Given the still untapped opportunities of the bilateral economic relationship, there is need to deepen dialogues for greater cooperation in the areas of trade, investment, economic security, and trust-based collaboration in critical and emerging technologies.

People-to-people exchanges remain a vital area for transforming India-Japan relations, which calls for sharper focus on building ties across the inter-related realms of language, culture, education, tourism, skilling and manpower mobility. Travel between India and Japan must be made easier, through reciprocal and harmonised visa regimes covering all categories of travel.

Against this backdrop, the 7<sup>th</sup> Indo-Pacific Forum will seek to forge a broad understanding on the convergent interests and the joint contributions of India and Japan as strategic partners for Indo-Pacific stability and progress.

The first of its closed-door sessions on the global order will enhance understanding of the geostrategic positioning of India and Japan amidst great power contestation and changing power balance. The second closed-door session will assess India-Japan convergences, contributions, and the role of the Quad in bolstering Indo-Pacific stability, security and prosperity. The third closed-door session will deliberate on accelerating bilateral relations across the realms of security, technology and people-to-people relations.

The concluding open/public session of the Forum will aim to disseminate to the wider national and regional audiences perspectives on the rise of Asia and the Indo-Pacific in global order, as well as the outlook for greater strategic coordination between India and Japan.

In keeping with established practice, the general trend of deliberations at the 7<sup>th</sup> India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum will be summarised in a DPG-JIIA Joint Statement.

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**Date: November 18-19, 2024**  
**Venue: Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**

**Agenda and Programme**

<b>November 18, 2024, Monday*</b>	
0845-0915 IST (1215-1245 JST)	<b>Registration and Tea/Coffee</b>
0915-1000 IST (1245-1330 JST)	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Welcoming Remarks by <b>Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH</b>, Director General, Delhi Policy Group (DPG)</li> <li>➤ Opening Remarks by <b>Amb. SASAE Kenichiro</b>, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA)</li> <li>➤ Remarks by <b>H.E. Mr. ONO Keiichi</b>, Ambassador-designate of Japan to India</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1: Global Order: Disruptions, Conflicts and Transitions</b> <i>Understanding the geostrategic positioning of India and Japan amidst great power contestation and changing power balance</i> Moderator: Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG (5 minutes)	
1015 -1145 IST (1345-1515 JST)	<b>Presentations [6-8 minutes each]</b>  <b>Japan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>H.E. Mr. ONO Keiichi</b>, Ambassador-designate of Japan to India</li> <li>➤ <b>Prof. ENDO Ken</b>, Chair and Professor of International Politics, Faculty of Law, The University of Tokyo</li> </ul> <b>India</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Nalin SURIE</b>, Distinguished Fellow for Diplomacy, DPG</li> <li>➤ <b>Shri Gourangalal DAS</b>, Joint Secretary (East Asia), Ministry of External Affairs</li> </ul> <b>Discussion [40 minutes]</b>
1145-1200 IST (1515-1530 JST)	<b>Tea/Coffee Break [15 minutes]</b>

\*All sessions on November 18 will be closed-door, conforming to the Chatham House Rule.

**Session 2: Indo-Pacific Stability, Security and Prosperity**  
*Assessing India-Japan convergences, contributions, and role of the Quad*  
Moderator: Ambassador SASAE Kenichiro, President, JIIA (5 minutes)

1200 -1330 IST  
(1530- 1700 JST)

**Presentations** [6-8 minutes each]

**Japan**

- **Mr. MIYAMOTO Shingo**, Deputy Director-General/Deputy Assistant Minister of Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- **Dr. KOGA Kei**, Head of Division and Associate Professor in the Public Policy and Global Affairs Programme, School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

**India**

- **Ms. Saswati DEY**, Director (AMS), Ministry of External Affairs
- **Cmde. Lalit KAPUR** (Retd.), Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, DPG

**Discussion** [40 minutes]

1330-1430 IST  
(1700- 1800 JST)

**Lunch**

(Venue: Marigold Hall, India Habitat Centre)

**Session 3: India-Japan Bilateral Special Strategic and Global Partnership**

*Accelerating security, technology and people to people relations*

Moderator: Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG (5 minutes)

1430 -1615 IST  
(1800-1945 JST)

**Presentations** [6-8 minutes]

**India**

- **Ms. Sunita MOHANTY**, Senior Vice President and Chief Economic Relations Officer, Invest India
- **Dr. V.S. SESHADRI**, Senior Fellow for Economic Security, DPG
- **Prof. Ashok Kumar CHAWLA**, Advisor (Japan), Ministry of External Affairs

**Japan**

- **Dr. KIYOTA Tomoko**, Associate Professor at the Research Center for Global Risk and the Office for Global Relations, Nagasaki University
- **Mr. TAKEUCHI Takuro**, Chief Representative, India Office, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- **Mr. IMAHORI Shinichiro**, Deputy Chief Representative, Representative Office in New Delhi, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)

**Discussion** [40 minutes]

<p>1615-1630 IST (1945-2000 JST)</p>	<p><b>Tea/Coffee Break</b> [15 minutes]</p>
<p>1630-1700 IST (2000-2030 JST)</p>	<p><b>Concluding Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Signing of DPG-JIIA Joint Statement</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Ms. Kajari BISWAS</b>, Director (Policy Planning &amp; Research), Ministry of External Affairs</li> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Hemant Krishan SINGH</b>, Director General, DPG</li> <li>➤ <b>Amb. SASAE Kenichiro</b>, President, JIIA</li> </ul> <p><b>Vote of thanks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Cmdr. Lalit KAPUR</b> (Retd.), Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, DPG</li> </ul>
<p>1900 IST (2230 JST)</p>	<p><b>Dinner</b> (Venue: MED Restaurant, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, India Habitat Centre)</p>

<b>November 19, 2024, Tuesday</b>	
<b>Special Session**</b>	
0915 – 1000 IST (1245-1330 JST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Keynote Address by <b>Shri Pavan KAPOOR</b>, Deputy National Security Advisor (Strategic Affairs), Government of India</li> <li><b>Q&amp;A Interaction</b></li> </ul>
1000-1015 IST (1330-1345 JST)	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b> [15 minutes]
<b>Public Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Rise of Asia and the Indo-Pacific in Global Order</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Outlook for greater strategic coordination between India and Japan</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Co-Moderated by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ambassador Hemant Krishan SINGH, Director General, DPG</li> <li>➤ Ambassador SASAE Kenichiro, President, JIIA</li> </ul>	
1015 – 1030 IST (1345-1400 JST)	<b>Keynotes</b> (Recorded Video Messages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>H.E. Dr. S. JAISHANKAR</b>, Minister of External Affairs of India</li> <li>➤ <b>H.E. Mr. IWAYA Takeshi</b>, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan</li> </ul>
1030 – 1200 IST (1400- 1530 JST)	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Brief Opening Remarks (5 minutes per speaker) followed by Discussion and Q&A  <b>India</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Kanwal SIBAL</b>, Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Former Foreign Secretary</li> <li>➤ <b>Amb. Nalin SURIE</b>, Distinguished Fellow for Diplomacy, DPG</li> <li>➤ <b>Vice Adm. Anil Chopra</b>, Distinguished Fellow, DPG</li> </ul> <b>Japan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Prof. ENDO Ken</b>, Chair and Professor of International Politics, Faculty of Law, The University of Tokyo</li> <li>➤ <b>Dr. KOGA Kei</b>, Head of Division and Associate Professor in the Public Policy and Global Affairs Programme, School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</li> <li>➤ <b>Dr. KIYOTA Tomoko</b>, Associate Professor at the Research Center for Global Risk and the Office for Global Relations, Nagasaki University</li> </ul>
1200-1300 IST (1530-1630 JST)	<b>Concluding Lunch</b> <b>(Venue: Marigold Hall, India Habitat Centre)</b>

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**List of Speakers**

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**Government of India:**

**Dr. Subrahmanyam JAISHANKAR**, Minister of External Affairs

*Public Session (Virtual Keynote Address)*

**Shri Pavan KAPOOR**, Deputy National Security Adviser (Strategic Affairs), NSCS

*Keynote Address at Special Session*

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**Shri Gourangalal DAS**, Joint Secretary (East Asia)

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**Prof. Ashok Kumar CHAWLA**, Advisor (Japan)

*Speaker at Session 3*

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*Speaker at Session 2*

**Ms. Kajari BISWAS**, Director (Public Policy & Research)

*Speaker at Concluding Session*

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Director General

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**JAPAN**

**Government of Japan:**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

H.E. Mr. IWAYA Takeshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

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Mr. MIYAMOTO Shingo, Deputy Director-General/ Deputy Assistant Minister of Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

*Speaker at Session 2*

**Embassy of Japan:**

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*Remarks during Opening Session and Speaker at Session 1*

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