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PM Modi's visit demonstrates India's Quad commitment

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The year 2022 marks two milestones — the 70th anniversary of the establishment of India-Japan diplomatic relations and the 75th anniversary of India's independence. In the past seven decades, our two nations have elevated the bilateral relationship to a "Special Strategic and Global Partnership." The recent meeting between our Prime Ministers, held in March this year in New Delhi, highlighted the vast canvas of our partnership, expanding across all conceivable domains of diplomatic interactions. During the meeting, our leaders emphasized their commitment to working in tandem toward a peaceful, stable and prosperous world, based on a rules-based international order. They also reaffirmed their common vision for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.



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Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The meeting also highlighted our shared commitment to economic security and the prosperity of our peoples through a robust framework of economic cooperation, tackling the issue of climate change through the Clean Energy Partnership and focus on infrastructure development. In this context, the announcement of the

shared intention to realize ¥5 trillion as public and private investment, as well as financing from Japan to India in the next five years, holds great significance.

Japan is India's key partner in the realization of our vision of SAGAR or Security and Growth for All in the Region. Our convergent stand on the Indo-Pacific is quintessential to creating a rules-based order to enhance peace and security in the region. As key partners under the Quad, we are cementing our partnership in critical areas, such as COVID-19 response, maritime security, cyber security, counterterrorism, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) cooperation, etc. The upcoming visit of Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi to Japan to participate in the Quad Leaders' Summit will demonstrate our resolute commitment to the objectives of the Quad.

India-Japan cooperation on thematic international issues, including the reform of the United Nations to make it better reflect contemporary realities, is a key dimension of our

partnership.

With a vision to be a \$5 trillion economy, India is building a strong foundation of manufacturing, services, agriculture and digital technology infrastructure. Japan continues to be an important partner in all of these domains. In the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, India has emerged as one of the major suppliers of vaccines and critical pharmaceutical products globally.

We see Japan as a trusted partner of India reflected through our decades-long partnership, which

has sped up significantly in the last few years. We see huge potential for India and Japan to combine their strengths and competitiveness to co-innovate, co-create and co-produce. Some key sectors for India-Japan collaboration include infrastructure development, automotive and mobility, electronic system design and manufacturing (ESDM), new and renewable energy including green hydrogen, ammonia, food industry, health care, R&D, startups, steel, and new emerging and strategic technologies such as beyond

5G, AI, robotics and life-sciences.

People-to-people ties between India and Japan remain the bedrock of our partnership. From Buddhism to the growing popularity of Yoga and Ayurveda, Indian traditions and practices for the holistic well-being of society have always found their ways into the hearts of our Japanese friends.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere wishes for the prosperity of the people of Japan and for the continued strengthening of the India-Japan partnership.




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Varanasi in the Uttar Pradesh state is the cultural capital of India.



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