



India-Japan Bilateral Relation

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The India-Japan bilateral relationship has recently been under the spotlight. The 14th India-Japan Annual Summit took place at a significant time as the two countries were celebrating the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations. Reaffirming the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two, Japan has offered to invest US\$42 billion in India over a period of five years. This would be in the areas of health and medical care, electrical vehicles, power and energy, urban environment management, agriculture and rural development among others. This edition of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) covers the developments during the visit of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's two day visit to India on March 19-20, 2022.

News/Op-ed	Key Takeaway
India, Japan to hold 2+2 Talks in mid-April in Tokyo NDTV April 05, 2022	India and Japan's defence and foreign ministers may hold talks with their counterparts from Japan in 2+2 format at Tokyo in April, 2022. They will cover a range of key issues including possible implications of the Ukraine crisis for the Indo-Pacific.
Japan to invest US\$42 billion in India over five years <i>By Suhasini Haidar</i> The Hindu March 20, 2022	India and Japan set an investment target of "five trillion yen" (US\$42 billion) in the next five years, Prime Minister's announced after the 14th annual summit, where several agreements were signed. The two sides discussed various regional issues where PM Narendra Modi briefed PM Fumio Kishida on the situation at the LAC with China, and the People's Liberation Army's attempts at "multiple transgression" on the LAC.
Japan still hopes India will re-join RCEP: Japan Cabinet official Noriyuki Shikata <i>By Suhasini Haidar</i> The Hindu March 20, 2022	Noriyuki Shikata remarked that Japan has still not given up hope that India might reconsider joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) that it quit in 2019. He also said the RCEP "Rules of Origin" clause could also make it more difficult for products that have an Indian component to be sold easily among the 15-member grouping countries in the future.
Putting more Indo into the Indo-Pacific The Economic Times March 20, 2022	Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Narendra Modi addressed the situation in Ukraine. The agreements between India and Japan, including investments worth US\$42 billion over five years, and the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific are factors New Delhi must consider as it fashions its global engagement.
India, Japan conclude 7 loan agreements for official development assistance Zee News March 20, 2022	Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla informed that India and Japan concluded 7 loan agreements for official development assistance, in areas of connectivity, healthcare, water supply, and sewage.

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<p>Russia’s war in Ukraine dominates India, Japan summit meeting Live Mint March 20, 2022</p>	<p>Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters in New Delhi that democracies like India and Japan should cooperate more. He also said Vladimir Putin’s attack on his neighbour was “serious” and has “shaken the global order. India and Japan will continue to work for a ceasefire and peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine.</p>
<p>India, Japan launch clean energy partnership at 14th Annual Summit Business Standard March 20, 2022</p>	<p>Indian and Japanese Prime Ministers welcomed the launch of the India-Japan Clean Energy Partnership for cooperation towards achieving sustainable economic growth, addressing climate change and ensuring energy security, in areas such as electric vehicles, storage systems including batteries, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, solar energy, clean including green hydrogen/ammonia, wind energy, exchange of views on respective energy transition plans, energy efficiency, Carbon dioxide Capturing, Utilisation and Storage and Carbon Recycling.</p>
<p>India, Japan urge Myanmar to end violence, return to democracy NDTV March 20, 2022</p>	<p>India and Japan expressed their support for the efforts of the ASEAN in breaking the ongoing political deadlock in Myanmar between the civilian representatives and the military junta. They reaffirmed their support for ASEAN’s efforts to seek a solution in Myanmar and welcomed Cambodia's active engagement as ASEAN chair to break the deadlock.</p>
<p>Kishida heads to India for talks with Modi focusing on Ukraine The Japan Times March 19, 2022</p>	<p>India and Japan are expected to discuss the conflict in Ukraine. Fumio Kishida also aims to confirm the commitment of countries in “the Quad,” which groups Japan, the United States, Australia and India and is aimed at ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific region.</p>
<p>India and Japan: A special partnership <i>By Fumio Kishida</i> The Indian Express March 19, 2022</p>	<p>Fumio kishida said that I am visiting India, making my first bilateral visit since my appointment as Prime Minister. Linked by universal values such as freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, which have been shared through a long history of exchange, India and Japan are “Special Strategic and Global Partners,” which share strategic interests.</p>
<p>Quad leaders agree Ukraine experience should not be allowed in Indo-Pacific-Japan <i>By Kiyoshi Takenaka and David Brunnstrom</i> RNZ March 4, 2022</p>	<p>United States, India, Australia and Japan agreed that what is happening to Ukraine should not be allowed to happen in the Indo-Pacific. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said we all agreed that unilateral changes to the status quo with force like this should not be allowed in the Indo-Pacific region.</p>

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