



‘India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Meeting in Tokyo’

This year marks 70 years of diplomatic relations between the two peace-promoting nations. The second India-Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting was held in Tokyo on September 08, 2022. The Ministers offered to further strengthen the Special Strategic and Global Partnership which was first emphasised during the first 2+2 meet held in New Delhi in 2019. The Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to a rules-based international order that respects the sovereign and territorial integrity of nations. The meeting also discussed measures toward enhancing greater bilateral cooperation in security and defence. This edition of CUTS ONW highlights the important takeaways from the second India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Meet.

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<p>Joint Statement: Second India-Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting Ministry of External Affairs September 08, 2022</p>	<p>Acknowledging that global cooperation is required more than ever to address security challenges that have become more acute, the Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to a rules-based global order that respects sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations, and emphasised the need for peaceful resolution of disputes. The Ministers highlighted their commitment to a common strategic goal of achieving a free and open Indo-Pacific.</p>
<p>Second Japan-India 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan September 08, 2022</p>	<p>The Ministers welcomed the holding of the second Japan-India 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting this year. The Ministers discussed the regional and global affairs, bilateral security, defence cooperation, and coordination among like-minded countries. In view of their respective presidencies of the G7 and G20 next year, they confirmed that both countries will work closely.</p>
<p>India-Japan 2+2 Meet: Security, Indo-Pacific, Defence to build on existing ties <i>Subimal Bhattacharjee</i> The quint September 14, 2022</p>	<p>The 2+2 talks is a strategic arrangement that India has now with the US, Australia and Russia besides Japan and fairly covers the broad spectrum of security-focused geostrategic diplomacy. The Special Strategic and Global Partnership (SSGP) with Japan is premised to be a comprehensive partnership that focuses on a broad convergence of long-term political, economic and strategic goals.</p>
<p>India and Japan hold 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue <i>Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan</i> The Diplomat September 12, 2022</p>	<p>Late Japanese Prime Minister Abe Shinzo was a driving force in nurturing the India-Japan relationship, but it appears that relationship is set to continue with the same vigor under Prime Minister Kishida Fumio as well. The 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue is a reflection of the commitment from both sides to keep up the momentum in the India-Japan relationship. Deepening defence exchanges, augmenting maritime cooperation and technological cooperation were areas covered in the meeting.</p>

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<p>India, Japan to enhance defence ties to bolster their strategic partnership Business Standard September 09, 2022</p>	<p>India and Japan agreed to step up bilateral defence cooperation and engage in more military exercises, including holding the first joint fighter jet drills, as they emphasised that their special strategic ties played a crucial role in ensuring a free, open Indo-Pacific. Rajnath Singh emphasised on the need to expand the scope of partnership in the field of Defence Equipment and Technological Cooperation.</p>
<p>India and Japan to deepen ties amid growing Indo-Pacific tensions <i>Gabriel Dominguez</i> The Japan Times September 09, 2022</p>	<p>During 2+2 talks held on September 08, 2022 in Tokyo, the nations' Foreign and Defence Ministers agreed to step up both military cooperation and economic ties (Paywall), adding to an already robust strategic partnership, announcing the launch of high-level talks between the Japan Joint Staff and the Indian Integrated Defence Staff.</p>
<p>India, Japan unveil plans for first ever air force exercise <i>Rezaul H Laskar</i> Hindustan Times September 08, 2022</p>	<p>India and Japan on September 08, 2022 unveiled plans for their first air force exercise as New Delhi backed Tokyo's efforts to reinforce its defence capabilities over the next five years. The Indian side also sought investments from Japanese companies for manufacturing military hardware.</p>
<p>External Affairs Minister Jaishankar for collective efforts with Japan to deal with new challenges, ongoing conflicts The Hindu September 08, 2022</p>	<p>S Jaishankar called for collective efforts with Japan to address the new challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic an apparent reference to China's aggressive moves around Taiwan. He said energy security and food security have emerged as particularly pressing issues. India has worked tirelessly, in extending humanitarian aid, medicines, vaccines, food grains etc.</p>
<p>Japan-India '2+2' emphasises military ties, but Tokyo 'unlikely' to draw New Delhi closer to US <i>Cui Fandi</i> Global Times September 08, 2022</p>	<p>During the meeting, Japan expressed its resolve to "examine all options necessary for national defence," including so-called "counter strike capabilities," and its determination to fundamentally reinforce its defence capabilities within the next five years, to which India expressed support.</p>
<p>Japan is recasting its national security vision in face of an aggressive China. India must inject strategic content into ties during 2+2 dialogue <i>C. Raja Mohan</i> The Indian Express September 07 ,2022</p>	<p>There is much that Delhi and Tokyo could do together in meeting their common security challenges. The innate caution in the Indian and Japanese defence bureaucracies has prevented the two sides from turning their stated strategic objectives into concrete outcomes. With Beijing turning up the heat on both, Delhi and Tokyo are scrambling to cope with the China challenge.</p>

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