

Overview

- ◆ Artificial intelligence (AI) is a foundational technology for the economic and social development of Japan and has become a field in which competition among countries is intensifying, as it is a technology that influences national power. It is also an important diplomatic issue that is directly linked to security.
- ◆ Through the dissemination and expansion of the “Hiroshima AI Process,” Japan has been leading international discussions on the construction of global AI governance toward the realization of an ecosystem for “safe, secure, and trustworthy AI.” Domestically, Japan has formulated the “AI Basic Plan” and is promoting various relevant policies.
- ◆ India is one of the world’s leading IT powers and possesses high competitiveness as a global development hub. India has launched the “IndiaAI Mission” and is promoting the development of a comprehensive AI ecosystem based on seven pillars: (i) compute capacity, (ii) data-sharing infrastructure, (iii) foundation model development, (iv) application development, (v) human resource development, (vi) startup support, and (vii) safe and trusted AI.
- ◆ AI cooperation with India, which shares fundamental values with Japan and has strengths in the IT sector as well as abundant human resources, is extremely important not only from the perspective of economic security, but also in terms of encouraging the expansion and development of Japanese companies into India’s rapidly growing new markets and incorporating India’s growth into the Japanese economy.
- ◆ Under the “Japan–India AI Cooperation Initiative” launched in August 2025 based on the recognition above, Japan and India aim to realize innovation and growth in both countries through the co-creation of solutions to economic and social challenges utilizing AI, as well as through enhancing autonomy and competitiveness in the AI field.
- ◆ The specific areas of cooperation are envisioned to cover a wide range of fields, with a focus on (i) co-creation of AI solutions, (ii) institutional development and governance, (iii) human resource development and capacity building, and (iv) infrastructure support (details in the following section).

Framework for Promotion

- ◆ Through the regular convening of the “Japan–India AI Strategic Dialogue,” with broad participation from relevant ministries and agencies of both countries, existing initiatives will be made visible and future priority areas will be identified, with a view to leading to concrete actions.

Japan–India AI Cooperation Initiative

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① Co-creation of AI Solutions

- Development of a data-sharing platform for urban transport and creation of use cases (Delhi, etc) (MOFA/JICA)
- Development of a data-sharing platform in the forestry sector and creation of use cases (West Bengal, etc) (MOFA/JICA)

② Institutional Development and Governance

- Cooperation toward the promotion of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) (MIC)
- International cooperation on AI governance and cooperation toward the formulation and observance of international rules, including through the Hiroshima AI Process (MIC; MOFA; Cabinet Secretariat)

③ Human Resource Development and Capacity Building

- Exchanges among Japan–India research institutions and between early-career and leading AI researchers, utilizing programs such as the India-Japan Circulation of Talented Youths in Science Programme (LOTUS) and the Adopting Sustainable Partnerships for Innovative Research Program (ASPIRE) (MEXT) / Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
- Japan–India international joint research, including AI for Science, the Strategic International Collaborative Research Program (SICORP), and Japan–U.S.–Australia–India international joint research (AI-ENGAGE), among others (MEXT / JST)

④ Infrastructure Support

- Support for the development and operation of data centers in Maharashtra State (MIC / Japan ICT Fund (JICT))
- Facilitation of projects toward cooperation in the development of large language models (LLMs), including the establishment of platforms for exchanges between universities and companies, and cooperation toward the realization of a trustworthy AI ecosystem (METI)
- Cooperation under the IndiaAI Mission, including technical and operational support for AI policies of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), such as the development of an AI data-sharing platform (AIKosh) (MOFA / JICA)
- Cooperation on the development of an AI data-sharing platform in Telangana State (Telangana TGDeX), as well as support for startups through the Telangana AI Rising Grand Challenge (MOFA/ JICA)