

## **Japan-India Joint Vision for the Next Decade: Eight Directions to Steer the Special Strategic and Global Partnership**

Japan and India, as two countries with a common vision of a free, open, peaceful, prosperous, and coercion-free Indo-Pacific region based on the rule of law, two economies with complementary resource endowments, technological capacities and cost competitiveness, and two nations with long tradition of friendship and mutual goodwill, hereby express our intent to jointly navigate the changes and opportunities in our countries and the world at large over the next decade, to help attain our respective domestic goals, and to bring our countries and peoples of the next generation closer together than ever before.

To this end, by building upon the Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership, we hereby lay out eight all-nation lines of effort with goals and targets over the next decade and steps towards their realization.

### **(I) Next Generation Economic Partnership**

As the fourth and fifth largest economies in the world, we aim to harvest our mutual economic and financial strengths and catalyse the potential of our complementary resources and markets by:

- Building upon the progress made in the 2022-2026 target of JPY 5 trillion of public and private investment and financing from Japan to India and setting a new target of JPY 10 trillion of private investment;
- Enhancing and diversifying bilateral trade and investment through accelerating further review of the implementation of the Japan-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CEPA);
- Strengthening Japan-India industrial cooperation for the “Make in India” initiative through the Japan-India Industrial Competitiveness Partnership (IJICP) to help upgrade product quality in India using high quality products necessary for Japanese firms;
- Exploring new projects under the India-Japan Fund, promoting Japanese corporations in the International Financial Service Centre

of GIFT City in India and expanding the presence of key Indian industry associations, trade, and investment promotion agencies in Japan;

- Enhancing the collaboration on payment systems between Japan and India, including local currency transactions;
- Encouraging cooperation between small and medium enterprises (SMEs) by fostering visits of Japanese SMEs to India, expanding downstream industries and launching a Japan-India SME Forum;
- Promoting food security and encouraging agri-business collaboration through policy dialogue and business exchanges, and promoting investment based on the demonstration at model farms and development of culinary professionals for Japanese and Indian cuisine; and
- Exploring ICT cooperation and business opportunities among private sector entities.

We also aim to advance our bilateral cooperation to strengthen economic relations with the Global South and harness its growth potential. In pursuit of this, we welcome the launch of the Japan-India Cooperation Initiative for Sustainable Economic Development in Africa. To this end, under the spirit of India's vision of Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions (MAHASAGAR) and Japan's Economic Region Initiative of Indian Ocean-Africa, we will also promote private sector-led businesses and investments in India and the robust concentration of Japanese companies in India as a hub for invigorating business collaborations with other countries in South Asia and Africa.

## **(II) Next Generation Economic Security Partnership**

As we take our bilateral partnership to new heights, we aim to launch a Japan-India Economic Security Initiative that provides momentum for strategic cooperation through whole of nation efforts in strengthening supply chains of key goods and materials, which foster market diversification and advance cooperation in cutting-edge technologies including private sector led cooperation by:

- Identifying and implementing concrete projects in the areas of semiconductors, critical minerals, pharmaceuticals and

biotechnology, information and communication technology, clean energy and new and emerging technologies through the government and business tracks of the Dialogue on Economic Security including Strategic Trade and Technology;

- Sharing policy perspectives, intelligence and information on best practices on latest developments in the above areas;
- Promoting cooperation on resilient supply chains and market diversification through the Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of Mineral Resources, Japan-India Digital Partnership 2.0, Memorandum of Cooperation on Semiconductor Supply Chain Partnership, and other such mechanisms;
- Promoting private sector led cooperation including by supporting the Joint Action Plan on Economic Security Cooperation by JETRO, CII and JCCII;
- Welcoming the launch of the business pillar, the Japan-India Private-Sector Dialogue on Economic Security, under the Japan-India Dialogue on Economic Security, including Strategic Trade and Technology to foster above Joint Action Plan;
- Implementing the Japan-India AI Cooperation Initiative (JAI) to promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation on AI and foster an innovative and trusted AI ecosystem; and
- Promoting Japan-India battery supply chain cooperation to foster a healthy battery market and ecosystem.

### **(III) Next Generation Mobility**

Leveraging the strengths of Japanese advanced technologies and Indian talent, we will establish the Next Generation Mobility Partnership (NGMP) as a framework for comprehensive cooperation in infrastructure, logistics and mobility. Through this partnership, we aim to co-create solutions that will address the challenges in mobility fields where there is high demand in India and drive the development of a robust next-generation mobility and related industries that serves the vision of Make in India for the World. Utilising digital and smart technologies, focusing on sustainable and environment-friendly methodologies, and prioritising safety and disaster resilience, we will

explore potential areas of collaboration, including but not limited to the following examples:

- High-speed rail systems including “ Make in India ” next-generation rolling stock, functional signaling and operational control systems, seismic-proofing, AI-based maintenance and monitoring, energy transition in the railway sector, advanced metro rail systems and mass rapid transit systems, by building on the hitherto cooperation in railways
- Transit-oriented development through integrated station area development, Mobility-as-a-Service platforms, inter-city road networks and end-to-end connectivity including small-scale automated urban transportation systems such as Personal Rapid Transit (PRT);
- Smart cities and city decarbonization, to be planned through advanced modeling that address challenges such as traffic congestion and air pollution;
- Data utilization in the mobility field through connected technologies, driven by Software Defined Vehicle, aims to ensure safety and reliability in the mobility field;
- Manufacturing of automobiles and aircraft, shipping vessels, utilizing sustainable fuel and using environment-friendly fuel storage, and expanding transport infrastructure;
- Cold-chain logistic services for food and pharmaceutical transportation; and
- Utilising 3D city models in urban planning and development, such as disaster simulation, and the formulation of evacuation guidance plans in the event of a disaster.

We will actively promote collaborations between Japanese and Indian companies to manufacture the above products in India and export to the global market. We will also prioritise capacity building in India through technical training and human resource exchanges towards the cultivation of skilled personnel for design, operations and maintenance of these mobility solutions.

At the same time, we will aim to mainstream disaster risk reduction through development of resilient infrastructure and strengthening

cooperation in multilateral mechanisms such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

#### **(IV) Next Generation Ecological Legacies**

We aim to give effect to our vision for “one earth, one future” by promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for our future generations and cooperation to meet each other’s climate adaptation, energy transition, waste-reduction and net-zero goals through:

- Ensuring energy security, low carbon economic growth, sustainable communities and lifestyles through Mission LiFE;
- Various pathways that reflect each country’s national circumstances to achieve net-zero economy;
- Strengthening of energy cooperation under the Japan-India Clean Energy Partnership through the Japan-India Energy Dialogue;
- Promoting a circular economy through cooperation on waste-to-energy technologies, waste segregation and recycling methods;
- Promoting sustainable farming practices, climate mitigation technologies to improve agricultural productivity, protection of marine and coastal ecosystems, sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation, promotion of agroforestry and sustainable use of natural resources such as bamboo;
- Cooperation in clean energy and, emission and pollution reduction through initiatives such as the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM), the Initiative of Clean Energy Mobility And Infra for Next-Generation (ICEMAN), green hydrogen value chain and utilisation of satellite technology for emission estimation; and
- Enhancing efforts in the multilateral environmental bodies such as the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) group.

#### **(V) Next Gen Technology and Innovation Partnership**

We aim to tap into each other’s scientific and technological capabilities, institutions and manpower to promote frontier research in foundational sciences and cross-sector collaboration on advancing commercialisation of new technologies via the following steps:

- Collaboration in fundamental research through the Indian Beamline at KEK, Tsukuba, quantum technologies, and high-performance computing for next generation research tools;
- Startup collaboration on open-innovation, social problem solving, advanced-tech, data-usage, incubation, and finance through the Japan-India Startup Support Initiative (JISSI) launched by Japan, and linking innovation ecosystems and enabling startups to expand their business in both countries;
- Mobilizing funds for start-up companies including those in the AI field through the “Japan-India fund of funds”;
- Promoting ICT cooperation through a Joint Working Group under the Japan-India ICT Cooperation Framework;
- Enhanced cooperation in space technologies including through the Lunar Polar Exploration (LUPEX) Mission and facilitating linkages between private commercial entities and start-ups in the space sector;
- Dialogue on fission and fusion technology, including ITER and joint research on small modular and advanced reactors; and
- Joint research in food technology and agricultural sciences including on millets as aligned with G20 New Delhi Declaration and Advancing Innovations for Empowering Next Generation Agriculture (AI-ENGAGE).

## **(VI) Investing in Next Gen Health**

We aim to invest in the health and well-being of our people to realize their full potential, with a goal of achieving universal health coverage (UHC) in mind, by jointly promoting clinical and medical research collaboration, tackling pandemics and emerging health trends, ensuring affordable access to life-saving medicines and utilising the potential of traditional and alternative medicine through the following steps:

- Strengthening cooperation between Japan’s Asia Health and Wellbeing Initiative and India’s Ayushman Bharat initiative as well as in the global health sector;
- Identifying further areas of cooperation through holding Joint Committee Meetings on a regular basis;

- Joint research on emerging fields of geriatric medicine, stem cell therapy, regenerative medicine, gene therapy, synthetic biology, cancer treatment, digital health and automated diagnostic solutions;
- Exploring collaboration with the “UHC Knowledge Hub” to accelerate the promotion of UHC;
- Promoting the exchange of medical professionals through greater collaboration between medical institutions and launching a fellowship for medical professionals;
- Facilitating the supply of critical medicines, APIs and medical equipment and strengthening medical infrastructure in our two countries; and
- Setting up centres of excellence that promote yoga, meditation, ayurveda and holistic wellness in Japan with the support of Ministry of AYUSH in India.

## **(VII) Next Gen People-to-People Partnership**

Recognising the historical linkages and cultural affinities between our two countries and seeking to realise the potential of our human resources in bridging our respective economic and demographic challenges, we aim to further our people-to-people ties by:

- Launching an Action Plan for Japan-India Human Resource Exchange and Cooperation that targets an exchange of more than 500,000 personnel in both directions in the next five years including 50,000 skilled personnel and potential talents from India to Japan;
- Expanding endowed courses and vocational training programmes in India and training of Indian personnel in Japan under India-Nippon Programme for Applied Competency Training (INPACT) built on the achievements of the Japan-India Institutes for Manufacturing (JIM) and Japanese Endowed Courses (JEC);
- Initiating employment promotion events, internship programmes, employment surveys and information dissemination including through a dedicated website on promotion of talent mobility between the two countries under India-Japan Talent Bridge (IJTB) by METI, Japan;

- Strengthening exchanges of researchers and students through Sakura Science Exchange Program, the LOTUS Programme, HOPE meetings and the Inter-University Exchange Project by MEXT, Japan and supporting educational collaboration through the initiatives of EDU-Port Japan;
- Enhancing organisational collaboration and workplaces through the e-Migrate portal, Global Capability Centers in India;
- Facilitating greater bilateral tourist flow, showcasing each other's cultural heritage;
- Expanding the training opportunities for Japanese language teachers as well as to support to design efficient curricula and materials by dispatching specialists of Japanese language education; and
- Dispatching "NIHONGO Partners," Japanese Language teaching assistants, to India to support Indian Japanese language teachers and students.

### **(VIII) Next-Gen State-Prefecture Partnership**

Highlighting the crucial role played by Japanese Prefectures and Indian States in realizing many of the above lines of effort, we aim to create suitable platforms to tap their energies for a more comprehensive vision for Japan-India partnership by:

- Promoting new Sister-city and State-Prefecture partnerships to build on complementary resource endowments and historical connections;
- Boosting direct flight connectivity between Japanese and Indian cities;
- Strengthening commercial and business partnerships, including small and medium enterprises, reinvigorating local industries and promoting regional development through India-Kansai Business Forum, as well as exploring similar arrangements between India and Kyushu;
- Facilitating greater information exchange on regional opportunities within Japan and India and sharing of best practices between States and Prefectures to develop solutions to shared challenges;



- Promoting visits of State-Prefectural level delegations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Ministry of External Affairs of India taking the lead in organising 3 visits each per year; and

Through the above eight lines of effort, we hope to usher in a transformative phase of Japan-India people-oriented partnership in the eighth decade of the establishment of our bilateral relations, and to bring tangible benefits and collaboration opportunities to our next generations.

We hereby adopt this document, reflecting our shared vision for the coming decade, during the visit of Prime Minister of India H.E. Shri Narendra Modi to Japan for the Annual Summit 2025 at the invitation of Prime Minister of Japan H.E. Mr. ISHIBA Shigeru, on 29-30 August 2025 in Tokyo.

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