

**Statement by H.E. Mr. MOTEGI Toshimitsu  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan  
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Dr. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister,  
Colleagues of the Ananta Centre,  
Distinguished guests,

Namaskaar and good morning,  
I am MOTEGI Toshimitsu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

On behalf of the Government of Japan,  
I extend my congratulations on the convening of  
the fourth Japan-India Forum.

On the occasion of the first forum back in 2021,  
I also delivered a video message as Foreign Minister.

Since then, this forum has become an even more substantial platform. This is all thanks  
to your dedicated efforts.

India is an indispensable partner  
to realize a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.  
Today, the international situation is growing increasingly severe and complex.  
Japan and India must work together for the sake of regional and international peace and  
stability.

Together with Dr. Jaishankar,  
I look forward to achieving tangible results  
across a broad range of areas,  
based on the 'Japan-India Joint Vision for the Next Decade'.

In closing, I wish the fourth Japan-India Forum  
every success  
and extend my best wishes for your continued endeavours.

Dhanyawaad. Thank you.