

Joint Study on Economic Security Cooperation between Japan, India, and EU

Subject This study group conducts joint research on economic and security cooperation among Japan, India, and Europe with researchers from European think tanks (the Swedish ISDP as well as Dutch and British think tanks) with the aim of developing policy proposals. The study group develops the arguments made in the Joint Study Group on India-Japan Cooperation based on Indo-Pacific Initiative, which was led by the Kajima Institute of International Peace (KIIP) in 2020 and 2021.

The world today is increasingly divided in the wake of the conflict between the United States and China and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The United States and Europe are stepping up efforts to build secure and reliable supply chains with like-minded countries that share fundamental values ("friend-sharing"). Japan, too, has recently articulate in its December 2022 National Security Strategy the policy of implementing economic security policies in cooperation with like-minded countries and maintaining and strengthening an international economic order based on free, fair, and equitable rules. In this regard, India—which has surpassed China to become the world's most populous country—shares the fundamental values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, and can play a key role in the restructuring of global supply chains. One implication of the Joint Study Group on India-Japan Cooperation based on Indo-Pacific Initiative is the recognition that a close economic relationship with India is essential for Japan.

On the other hand, given the reality of Japan’s heavy dependence on the China’s market and supply capacity, Japan cannot blindly sever its economic ties with China. If Japan were to do so, the cost of all products would rise, and many Japanese companies would lose significant sales. Japan’s position—struggling to rebuild economic relations with an authoritarian state while belonging to the democratic camp—has more in common with Europe than with the United States.

Therefore, this study group, together with Indian scholars and those from European think tanks, is conducting joint research on policies for economic and security cooperation among Japan, India, and Europe. The goal is to propose policies that strike a balance between economy and security to the policymakers in each country.

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- (1) April 12, 2023
 - (2) May 26, 2023
 - (3) June 23, 2023
 - (4) July 14, 2023
 - (5) August 30, 2023
 - (6) September 28, 2023
 - (7) October 27, 2023
 - (8) November 20, 2023
 - (9) December 21, 2023
 - (10) January 24, 2024
 - (11) March 22, 2024
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