Dear friends of the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle,

important and interesting information related to Japan, our region, and the Consulate's activities. You can find current and past issues of the newsletter here. This is a special edition of the newsletter. We will resume our regular bi-weekly schedule from next week.

Our bi-monthly newsletter, "From Japan to the Northwest," is intended to share

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of Australia and Prime Minister Narendra

Special Edition: President Biden and other Quad Leaders in Japan

U.S. President Joe Biden visited Japan this week for the first time as president.

Modi of India also visited to attend the Quad Leaders Meeting and bilateral

meetings. Below are some highlights from these important meetings, including links to the statements released and further information on the various initiatives that were announced.

1. Japan-Australia-India-U.S. (Quad) Leaders' Meeting



reconfirmed that no unilateral change of the status quo by force is tolerated in any region, especially in the Indo-Pacific. The four countries affirmed that the principles including rule of law, sovereignty, and territorial integrity must be upheld in any region.

The four leaders concurred on the importance of furthering practical cooperation and making the region more resilient as the countries of the Indo-Pacific region face pressing challenges such as COVID-19, climate change, and infrastructure. On COVID-19, the four leaders welcomed the progress such as over 670 million

handover ceremonies of Indian vaccines to Thailand and Cambodia.

support for disaster risk reduction and cooperation in clean energy.

Amid the situation of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, the four countries

On infrastructure, the four leaders affirmed their commitment to further deepen cooperation and announced that they will seek to extend more than 50 billion USD of infrastructure assistance and investment in the Indo-Pacific over the next five years. On climate change, the four leaders launched the "Quad Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Package (Q-CHAMP) (PDF)". They also shared the view to expand

doses of COVID-19 vaccines donation to the world, including the Indo-Pacific, and joint

history of the Quad here, and the Quad leaders' joint statement here. 2. Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting and Joint Statement

Read the full summary of the meeting here, an overview of the Quad meeting, and the



standpoint, Prime Minister Kishida and President Biden committed to action to advance their shared vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

greatest immediate challenge to this order is Russia's brutal, unprovoked, and

of vital importance to global peace, security, and prosperity - and one that faces mounting strategic challenges to the rules-based international order. From this

unjustified aggression against Ukraine. The two leaders condemned Russia's actions, and called for Russia to be held accountable for its atrocities. They reaffirmed their

Regarding resilient, sustainable and inclusive economic growth, the two leaders discussed opportunities to further secure our shared prosperity. They exchanged perspectives on the importance of bold economic policies, including Prime Minister

Kishida's "new form of capitalism" and President Biden's plan to build from the bottom up and the middle out, that promote technological advances while recognizing that the benefits of such progress must accrue to all communities, reduce inequality, and

strengthen the middle-class in both nations. The two leaders applauded the work to date under the Competitiveness and Resilience (CoRe) Partnership announced last year

Regarding regional issues, the two leaders reaffirmed that the Indo-Pacific is a region

(Fact Sheet), and expressed their intention to hold the Japan-U.S. Economic Policy Consultative Committee (the Economic "2+2") at the Ministerial level in July 2022. Regarding climate change, Prime Minister Kishida and President Biden recognized the existential threat of the climate crisis, and committed to making the 2020s the decisive decade for climate action. They affirmed their intent to meet today's energy demands while working toward long-term energy security by implementing ambitious 2030 nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement and 2050 net zero emission goals. In service of these goals, the two leaders affirmed their intent to enhance cooperation under the <u>Japan-U.S. Climate Partnership (PDF)</u>.

Read the full Japan-U.S. Joint Leaders' Statement here. (PDF)

View photos of President Biden's visit here.

<u>Framework (IPEF)</u>

(Photo: Cabinet Public Affairs Office).

Albanese of Australia.

region.

On May 23, the United States hosted a summit-level meeting on the launch of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) in a hybrid format, which Prime Minister Kishida, U.S. President Joseph Biden and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, attended in person. Summit-level and cabinet-level representatives from 10 other countries attended online. President Biden stated that 13 countries launched the IPEF today to work together to achieve sustainable and inclusive economic growth and to address regional challenges. Prime Minister Kishida stated that Japan will participate in the IPEF and work with

region. Representatives from each country also welcomed the launch of the IPEF and

partner countries to achieve sustainable and inclusive economic growth in the

Read the Joint Statement from all 13 IPEF member countries (PDF)

3. Summit-level meeting on the launch of the Indo-Pacific Economic

On May 24, PM Kishida held a leaders meeting with Prime Minister Anthony

Recognizing that Russia's aggression against Ukraine undermines the very foundations of the international order, the two leaders condemned it severely and concurred that similar incidents must never be allowed to happen in the Indo-Pacific

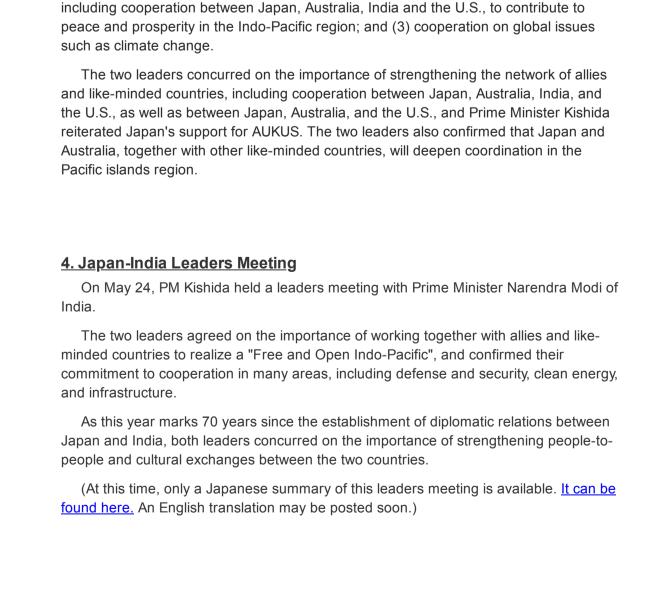
The two leaders affirmed that Japan and Australia will continue to work closely together on the basis of three pillars: (1) deepening cooperation in the areas of security, defense, and economy; (2) further coordination with allies and like-minded countries,

Albanese's visit to Japan immediately after taking office.

At the outset, Prime Minister Kishida expressed his sincere congratulations on Mr. Albanese's inaugration as Prime Minster and expressed his gratitude for Prime Minister

4. Japan-Australia Leaders Meeting

expressed their expectations for closer collaboration in the future.



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