

# **International Conference**

## **The Changing Paradigm of India-Japan Relations**

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# Regional Dimensions of India-Japan Relations

- Asia – Neighbourhood vs Community
- From ‘Co-Prosperity’ to ‘Asian Community’
- Early Attempts – EAEG / AMF
- ASEAN + 3 to East Asian Summit (ASEAN+6)
- RCEP – Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (ASEAN + **China**, Japan, South Korea, India, Australia & New Zealand)
- Others – APEC, TPP (**US**, Canada, Brunei, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, South Korea, Vietnam, Australia and New Zealand)

# New Japanese Formulations

Junichiro Koizumi (2005): Asia -“Arc of Prosperity” vs “Arc of Instability”

Taro Aso (2006): “Arc of Freedom and Prosperity” - ‘Outer rim of Eurasian landmass’

Shinzo Abe (2007): “Broader Asia”

## Abe's 'Broader Asia' – Speech in Indian Parliament, August 22, 2007, “Confluence of the Two Seas”

"broader Asia" - spanning the entirety of the Pacific Ocean, incorporating the United States of America and Australia. Open and transparent, this network will allow people, goods, capital, and knowledge to flow freely.

Can we not say that faced with this wide, open, broader Asia, it is incumbent upon us two democracies, Japan and India, to carry out the pursuit of freedom and prosperity in the region?

In addition, as maritime states, both India and Japan have vital interests in the security of sea lanes. ....routes most critical for the world economy.”

“joining forces with like-minded countries”

“The question of what Japan and India should do cooperatively in the area of security in the years to come” diplomacy and defence officials must consider jointly.”

## **Manmohan Singh's Perspective**

December 2005, India-Asean Summit:

“East Asian Community, bringing together ASEAN, China, Japan, Korea, and also Australia and New Zealand, is manifest. Like the North American Free Trade Area, and the expanding European Union, a Pan-Asian FTA will be a dynamic, open and inclusive association of the countries of our vast region.”

**PM on India and Japan:** (December 2006, Diet)

“Our partnership has the potential to create an "arc of advantage and prosperity" across Asia, laying the foundation for the creation of an Asian Economic Community.”

**PM on India and Asean:** “geo-political and economic interests” (Letter to Sonia Gandhi, May 2006)

**PM on RCEP** (November 2102):

“create an open, balanced, inclusive and rule-based architecture in the region for our collective security, stability and prosperity.”

# Drivers of Asian Regionalism

ASEAN- led processes : EAS, RCEP

US-led processes : APEC & TPP

China-led processes : SCO, RCEP

ASEAN + 3: CMIM, AMF

How can Japan and India shape the process?