

## 3<sup>rd</sup> in-Person QUAD meeting at Hiroshima

May 23, 2023

**May 20, 2023:** Hiroshima: PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY ALBANESE, Convenor of the meeting: The QUAD countries are “standing together for an open, stable, secure, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region, a region where sovereignty is respected and all countries large and small benefit from a regional balance that keeps the peace. Respect for the leadership of regional institutions, including ASEAN, the Pacific Island Forum, and the Indian Ocean Rim Association is central to our approach.”

(Reference: <https://tinyurl.com/hkea2uy9>)



PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI: “Your Excellencies, through our shared efforts, we are giving a practical dimension to our vision for a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. Climate action, disaster management, strategic technologies, reliable supply chains, health security, maritime security, counterterrorism are examples of areas in which our positive cooperation is increasing.

I believe the Quad will continue to work for global good, for the welfare of mankind, and for peace and prosperity.

I commend and congratulate Prime Minister Albanese for successfully chairing this summit.”



*Prime Minister of India: Narendra Modi*

PRIME MINISTER KISHIDA FUMIO: During this one-year period, Russia's outrage has continued, and the security environment has become even more severe. Free and open international order based on the rule of law is under threat.



*Prime Minister of Japan: Kishida Fumio*

Under such harsh situation, it is meaningful that we get together to demonstrate to the world once again the solidarity of the Quad and our strong commitment to

our common vision towards a free and open Indo-Pacific — FOIP — that we would like to drive the world towards an international community of cooperation and not of division and confrontation.

We will listen to the voices of regional countries of the ASEAN, South Asia, and Pacific Island states to engage in practical cooperation which delivers true benefits to the region as a force for good.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: Our mission is to advance our vision of a free, open, secure, and prosperous Indo-Pacific and — and to demonstrate the capacity of democracies to deliver — to deliver on the shared — in a shared region.

I think people are going to look back at this — the Quad in, God willing, 10, 20, 30 years from now and say it changed the dynamic not only of the region, but the world.

We're now launching new initiatives to keep that progress going, from projects to build secure telecommunications in the Pacific region, to strengthen our cooperation in submarine cables, new joint efforts between our private sectors to invest in infrastructure and clean energy projects in the region.



*President of USA: Joe Biden*

I think a great deal of the future of our world is going to be written here in the Indo-Pacific.

So, I want to thank you again for your strong partnership and friendship. And I apologize again for the change in plans. But thank you for accommodating this, and I look forward to our conversations tonight.

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