

Australia-India-Japan Economic Ministers' Joint Statement on Supply Chain Resilience

1 September 2020

1. Australia's Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham, India's Minister of Commerce and Industry, His Excellency Piyush Goyal, and Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, His Excellency Kajiyama Hiroshi held a ministerial videoconference on September 1, 2020.
2. The Ministers reaffirmed their determination to take a lead in delivering a free, fair, inclusive, non-discriminatory, transparent, predictable and stable trade and investment environment and in keeping their markets open.
3. In light of the COVID-19 crisis and the recent global-scale changes in the economic and technological landscape, the Ministers underscored the necessity and potential to enhance the resiliency of supply chains in the Indo-Pacific region.
4. Recognizing the pressing need for regional cooperation on supply chain resilience in the Indo-Pacific, the Ministers shared their intention to work toward the launch of a new initiative to achieve the objective through cooperation. They instructed their officials to promptly work out the details of the new initiative for its launch later this year. The Ministers noted the important role of business and academia in realizing the objective.
5. The Ministers called for other countries in the region, which share the afore-mentioned views, to participate in the initiative.

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