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Agenda



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10.00 – 11.30 IST (13.30 – 15.00 JST), Friday 10 July 2026, WebEx

10.00 – 10.15 IST **Inaugural Remarks**
(13.30 – 13.45 JST)

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- **Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma**, Director General, RIS (5 minutes)
 - **Prof. Kyoji Fukao**, Chairman, RIETI and Professor Emeritus, Hitotsubashi University (5 minutes)
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10.15 – 10.50 IST **Panel 1: Global Uncertainties and Realignment of Supply Chains**
(13.45 – 14.20 JST)

- **Chair: Dr. Kenichi Kawasaki**, Consulting Fellow, RIETI and Formerly with OECD and GRIPS (5 minutes)
 - **1st speaker (India): Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy**, Professor and Head, Department of Economics, MRIIRS, Faridabad (10 minutes)
 - **2nd speaker (Japan): Prof. Yasuyuki Todo**, Programme Director and Professor, Waseda University and RIETI (10 minutes)
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Q&A (10 minutes)

10.50 – 11.25 IST **Panel 2: Navigating Global Challenges and India-Japan Cooperation**
(14.20– 14.55 JST)

- **Chair: Cmde. Sujeet Samaddar**, Visiting Fellow, RIS (5 minutes)
 - **1st speaker (Japan): Prof. Shujiro Urata**, Professor Emeritus, Waseda University and RIETI (10 minutes)
 - **2nd speaker (India): Dr. Prabir De**, Professor, RIS (10 minutes)
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Q&A (10 minutes)

11.25 – 11.30 IST **Closing Remarks by Dr. Prabir De, RIS and Prof. Shujiro Urata, RIETI**
14.55– 15.00 JST)

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WEBINAR

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India and Japan share Special Strategic and Global Partnership based on shared democratic values, mutual trust and a commitment to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. The partnership is driven by shared geopolitical interests, combining India's Act East policy with Japan's vision for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP). India and Japan are members of several regional and multilateral initiatives, promoting rules-based global order. Going forward, both have adopted a joint vision for the next decade spanning economic security, advanced mobility, and next-generation technology.

India and Japan have established a strong framework for expanding economic ties. The trade and investment flows between them have been robust. The CEPA between India and Japan has been operational since 2011. Two countries are having increasing collaboration in infrastructure, digital technologies, semiconductors, clean energy, and industrial value chains. Both of them have been working to strengthen supply chain resilience, sustainable industrial development, technological advancement and investment, and improving ease of doing business. The partnership is acquiring special significance in the context of ongoing restructuring of global value chains (GVCs) and efforts to diversify production and sourcing networks.

The challenges faced by the global economy today due to rising geopolitical tension, technological competition along with emerging threat of climate change has manifold disrupted supply chains. India and Japan have been facing shared challenges from supply chain disruptions and energy security issues. Tackling these challenges requires coordinated efforts, deep understanding and mutual trust.

The changing global environment also offers important opportunities for stronger economic cooperation between India and Japan. Japan has been a long-time partner in India's development and investment, significantly contributing to industrialization, quality infrastructure, and manufacturing expansion. Their economic strengths – Japan's technological skills, capital, and manufacturing know-how alongside India's market size, young population, and industrial goals – create a solid foundation for developing strong and varied supply chains in the Indo-Pacific.

India's journey to Viksit Bharat 2047 calls for increased collaborations in key sectors like semiconductors, critical minerals, advanced manufacturing, green technologies, digital infrastructure, and resilient logistics, which can help India to boost the economic strength and competitiveness, and to deepen the supply chain linkages with Japan.

Japanese Prime Minister is scheduled to pay her first official visit to India from 1 July to 3 July 2026. The talks are aimed at deepening economic security, bolstering supply chains, and addressing regional Indo-Pacific dynamics. Leaders are expected to discuss investments in semiconductor manufacturing, renewable energy, and connectivity.

In view of the above, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) in collaboration with The Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) is organising a webinar entitled "India-Japan cooperation amidst global uncertainties and realignments of supply chains" on 10 July 2026 during 10.00–11.30 hrs. IST (13.30-15.00 hrs. JST) in WebEX. The webinar will be attended by senior scholars and practitioners from academia and industry. This proposed conversation will help strengthen policy goals to further strengthen the supply chains between India and Japan in this changing global landscape.

Interested participants can register at <https://forms.gle/7fgZpFTHUaByUA646>

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Resumes



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Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma

Director General, RIS

Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma has over two decades of expertise in international trade, development cooperation, and multilateral and regional negotiations. His research, advocacy, and capacity-building work have shaped discussions on trade and development, agricultural subsidies, investment, food security, sustainability, market access, trade disputes, transparency, LDC graduation, Aid for Trade, and negotiations at the WTO, FAO, G20, and in regional trade agreements. He holds an M.Phil. and a PhD in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi, with a specialization in the WTO, international trade, quantitative techniques, and agricultural policy. He is skilled in econometrics, Computable General Equilibrium (GTAP), Partial Equilibrium Modelling, and statistical tools, with extensive experience in trade analytics. Prof. Sharma has authored six books, numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, several working papers, and book chapters, in addition to regularly contributing to policy debates through articles in leading newspapers and participating in global forums. Before joining RIS, he served as a Professor at the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.



Prof. Kyoji Fukao

Chairman of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), University Professor at the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University

Prof. Kyoji Fukao is Chairman of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), and University Professor at the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University. Other positions include: Member of the Executive Committee of the Asian Historical Economics Society (AHES); Adviser, Maddison Project, University of Groningen. He has published widely on productivity, international economics, economic history, and related topics in journals such as the *Journal of Political Economy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Income and Wealth*, *Explorations in Economic History*, and *Economica*. Professor Fukao received his M.A. in Economics from the University of Tokyo.

Panel 1: Global Uncertainties and Realignment of Supply Chains



***Chair:* Dr. Kenichi Kawasaki**

Senior Research Advisor of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), Professor Emeritus at Waseda University, and President of the East Asian Economic Association (EAEA)

Dr. Kenichi Kawasaki is a Consulting Fellow at RIETI. Before this, he was an economist at the OECD, and served as Director for Economic Outlook at the Cabinet Office, Japan, a professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS). He is also a Research Fellow at ERIA and an Adjunct Fellow at JIIA. His expertise lies in economic model analysis, and his recent research focuses on the economic impact of international trade policy. He was inducted into the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) Research Fellow Hall of Fame.



Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy

Professor and Head of the Department of Economics at the School of Commerce and Economics (SOCE) at the Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS)

Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy is a Professor and Head of the Department of Economics at the School of Commerce and Economics (SOCE) at the Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS), Haryana. He has over 15 years of teaching and research experience working at the ASEAN India Centre (AIC), Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), and Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI), New Delhi. He was a “Think Tank Initiative Fellow” at the Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi. He has also served as a Consultant to the UNESCAP, Bangkok; the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK; and the Land Port Authority of India (LPAI), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India. He received the KIEP Visiting Scholar 2022 from the Korea Institute of Economic Policy (KIEP), South Korea. He has handled multiple research projects from ICSSR and other funding agencies. He has co-ordinated more than 30 national and international conferences in different Indian states and Southeast Asian countries. He is the Associate Editor of the Journal of Asian Economic Integration, published by Sage and the Journal of Liberal Arts and Interdisciplinary Sciences, published by Sage Spectrum. His research broadly covers International Trade, Value Chain Integration, Regional Integration, Foreign Direct Investment, and Applied Econometrics. He has published over 50 research papers in refereed international and national journals, as well as working papers, edited volumes, and research reports.



Speaker 2: Prof. Yasuyuki Todo

Professor, Faculty of Political Science and Economics at Waseda University and Program Director and Faculty Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry

Dr. Yasuyuki Todo is a Professor in the Faculty of Political Science and Economics at Waseda University since 2014 and a Program Director and Faculty Fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University in 2000. His research focuses on international and development economics and applied micro econometrics, particularly the role of

social and economic networks in growth and resilience. Recently, he has examined propagation of economic shocks due to natural disasters and geopolitical factors through global supply chains and the effect of China's Belt and Road Initiatives on the reorganization of global supply chains.

Panel 2: Navigating Global Challenges and India-Japan Cooperation



Cmde. Sujeet Samaddar

Visiting Fellow, RIS, New Delhi

Commodore Sujeet Samaddar, NM (Retd) is a Visiting Fellow at RIS, New Delhi. He is the Founder and Secretary of Society for Aerospace Maritime and Defence Studies, (SAMDeS) a Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Air Power and Strategic Studies (CAPSS) and Member of the Governing Council of Society for Indian Ocean Studies (SIOS). Cmde Sujeet Samaddar is graduated from IIT Roorkee in 1978 and began his career with Tata Consulting Engineers before being commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1980. He held various staff and command appointments, retiring in 2009 as Principal Director Naval Plans. He was awarded the Admiral R.D. Katari Fellowship at the United Services Institution, New Delhi, and has authored works including *Defence Development and National Security: Linkages in the Indian Context* (2005) and *Minerals, Markets and Maritime Strategy* (2009). Post-retirement, he has served as Vice President Operations at NOVA Integrated Systems (TATA Enterprise), Director and CEO of Shin Maywa Industries India, and Senior Consultant (Industry) at NITI Aayog until 2019, contributing to national policies on maritime, recycling, aerospace, and defence. He has published widely, spoken at international conferences, and his current interests include maritime policy and history, shipbuilding, circular economy, green hydrogen, and space technology for developmental applications.



Prof. Shujiro Urata

Professor Emeritus, Waseda University and RIETI

Dr. Shujiro Urata is Senior Research Advisor of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), Professor Emeritus at Waseda University, and President of the East Asian Economic Association (EAEA). Professor Urata received his Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University. He is a former Research Associate at the Brookings Institution, and an Economist at the World Bank. He specializes in international economics and has published a number of books and articles on international economic issues. His recent books include Political Economy of East Asian Economic Integration: The Process of the RCEP Negotiations and Beyond, co-editor, Routledge, 2025 and Global Trade and Economic Recovery in the Post-Pandemic World, co-editor, Routledge, 2026.



Dr. Prabir De

Professor, RIS, New Delhi

Dr. Prabir De is a Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi. He works in the field of international economics and has research interests in international trade and development. He has been conducting policy research for the Government of India and several national and international organisations including UN agencies and multilateral development banks. He was a Visiting Fellow of the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO); Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI); Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP); and Visiting Senior Fellow of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). He has contributed several research papers in international journals and written books on trade and development.



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RIS specialises in issues related to international economic development, trade, investment and technology. It is envisioned as a forum for fostering effective policy dialogue and capacity-building among developing countries on global and regional economic issues. The focus of the work programme of RIS is to promote South-South Cooperation and collaborate with developing countries in multilateral negotiations in various forums. Through its following centres/forums, RIS promotes policy dialogue and coherence on regional and international economic issues.



The word “DAKSHIN” (दक्षिण) is of Sanskrit origin, meaning “South.” The Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence in November 2023. The initiative was inspired by the deliberations of Global South leaders during the Voice of the Global South Summits. DAKSHIN stands for Development and Knowledge Sharing Initiative. Hosted at the RIS, DAKSHIN has established linkages with leading think tanks and universities across the Global South and is building a dynamic network of scholars working on Global South issues.



AIC at RIS has been working to strengthen India’s strategic partnership with ASEAN in its realisation of the ASEAN Community. AIC at RIS undertakes research, policy advocacy and regular networking activities with relevant organisations and think-tanks in India and ASEAN countries, with the aim of providing policy inputs, up-to-date information, data resources and sustained interaction, for strengthening ASEAN-India partnership.



CMEC has been established at RIS under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPS&W), Government of India. CMEC is a collaboration between RIS and Indian Ports Association (IPA). It has been mandated to act as an advisory/technological arm of MoPSW to provide the analytical support on policies and their implementation.



FITM is a joint initiative by the Ministry of Ayush and RIS. It has been established with the objective of undertaking policy research on economy, intellectual property rights (IPRs) trade, sustainability and international cooperation in traditional medicines. FITM provides analytical support to the Ministry of Ayush on policy and strategy responses on emerging national and global developments.



BEF aims to serve as a dedicated platform for fostering dialogue on promoting the concept in the Indian Ocean and other regions. The forum focuses on conducting studies on the potential, prospects and challenges of blue economy; providing regular inputs to practitioners in the government and the private sectors; and promoting advocacy for its smooth adoption in national economic policies.



FIDC, has been engaged in exploring nuances of India’s development cooperation programme, keeping in view the wider perspective of South-South Cooperation in the backdrop of international development cooperation scenario. It is a tripartite initiative of the Development Partnership Administration (DPA) of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, academia and civil society organisations.



FIRD aims to harness the full potential and synergy between science and technology, diplomacy, foreign policy and development cooperation in order to meet India’s development and security needs. It is also engaged in strengthening India’s engagement with the international system and on key global issues involving science and technology.



As part of its work programme, RIS has been deeply involved in strengthening economic integration in the South Asia region. In this context, the role of the South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS) is very important. SACEPS is a network organisation engaged in addressing regional issues of common concerns in South Asia.



Knowledge generated endogenously among the Southern partners can help in consolidation of stronger common issues at different global policy fora. The purpose of NeST is to provide a global platform for Southern Think-Tanks for collaboratively generating, systematising, consolidating and sharing knowledge on South South Cooperation approaches for international development.



DST-Satellite Centre for Policy Research on STI Diplomacy at RIS aims to advance policy research at the intersection of science, technology, innovation (STI) and diplomacy, in alignment with India’s developmental priorities and foreign policy objectives.

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