

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2018

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan and an Exchange With Reporters in Buenos Aires, Argentina

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President Trump. Thank you very much. It's a great honor to be with Prime Minister Modi of India and, as you know, Prime Minister Abe of Japan. And we just had a great meeting, and we're having now a—what we call a trilat.

The relationships between our three countries is extremely good, extremely strong. I think, with India, maybe stronger than ever; and with Japan, I think, stronger than ever. We're doing very well together. We're doing a lot of trade together. We're doing a lot of defense together, a lot of military purchases.

And we're going to now have a little discussion between the three of us. So thank you very much.

Mr. Prime Minister.

Prime Minister Modi. I feel this is a very good occasion for our three countries—countries which have shared values, democratic values—Japan, America, and India together. We will be playing a big role together for world peace, prosperity, and stability.

I'm also happy that both the countries are our strategic partners. Both of them are very good friends. And the three countries together, it is a matter of good fortune that we will work together.

When you look at the acronym of our three countries—Japan, America, and India—it is "JAI," which, in Hindi or in India, in general, is for "success." In a way, this *jai*—success, this message—is a good message that goes out. It's a good beginning.

And together, as I said earlier, we'll be playing a very big role to work together for world peace, prosperity, and stability.

Prime Minister Abe. I am very delighted to hold the first-ever Japan-U.S.-India trilateral summit meeting today. Japan, the U.S., and India share fundamental values and strategic interests. And I certainly hope to further reinforce our trilateral partnership and to continuing our close cooperation toward realizing a free and open Indo-Pacific.

By having three of us working together, we'll bring more prosperity and more stability in the region, as well as globally.

President Trump. Thank you very much.

Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia

Q. Mr. President, what did you discuss with MBS? Mr. President, what did you discuss with MBS?

President Trump. We had no discussion. [*Laughter*] We had no discussion. We might, but had none.

Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:39 p.m. at the Centro Costa Salguero convention center. Prime Minister Modi spoke in Hindi and Prime Minister Abe spoke in Japanese, and their remarks were translated by interpreters.

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