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Trump says Indo-Pacific energy meeting to be held in Tokyo in March (Feb 22)

The U.S. embassy in Tokyo said, U.S. President Donald Trump's "National Energy Dominance Council" will hold the inaugural Indo-Pacific Energy Security Ministerial and Business Forum with Japan in march. The embassy said, government leaders from various Indo-Pacific countries and business executives from sectors including infrastructure, finance, and energy will attend. The announcement also added, Secretary of Energy Chris Wright, Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, and Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lee Zeldin will travel to Tokyo next month to meet several leaders of Indo-Pacific countries for energy security talks.

URL: <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/trump-says-indo-pacific-energy-meeting-be-held-tokyo-march-2026-02-22/>

Canadian PM Carney to arrive in India this week (Feb 23)

As part of three-nation tour to Australia, India, and Japan, Canadian PM Mark Carney will travel to Delhi and Mumbai this week to diversify and enhance Canada's trade relations. A statement released in Ottawa said, the visit to three of Canada's "strongest Indo-Pacific partners", is a major push for Canada's Indo-Pacific policy. During the visit, Mr. Carney will seek to put behind years of sharp rhetoric and mistrust between his predecessor, Justin Trudeau and Modi government and is expected to focus on India-Canada trade negotiations for investment opportunities, and comprehensive economic partnership agreement.

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Japan, Philippine and U.S. forces conduct Multilateral Maritime Cooperative Activity in South China Sea (Feb 26)

The combined armed forces of the US, the Philippines, and Japan conducted a MMCA (Multilateral Maritime Cooperative Activity) within the Philippines EEZ. This activity demonstrates a commitment to strengthening regional and international cooperation in support of an open and free Indo-Pacific. U.S. Navy Capt. Dave Huljack, Commodore of Destroyer Squadron said, "For decades, our nations have stood shoulder-to-shoulder, and through activities like these, we continue to build upon that legacy, ensuring we are ready to face any challenge to regional security together. The professionalism and dedication of our Sailors is a direct reflection of that friendship and our shared commitment to a free and prosperous Indo-Pacific."

URL: <https://www.pacom.mil/Media/NEWS/News-Article-View/Article/4417108/japan-philippine-and-us-forces-conduct-multilateral-maritime-cooperative-activi/>