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Greetings Colleagues,

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APEC 2024 Summit Held in Peru



Figure 1: APEC member leaders concluded their meeting in Lima/ IMAGE/ apec.org

The world leaders, business executives, and delegates gather in Lima, Peru, for the 31st edition of the [leaders' summit](#) of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) under the theme of Empower, Include, and Grow. It is the third time Peru has hosted the APEC summit; it was earlier in 2016 and 2008. APEC is a group of 21 member economies that aims to collaborate on trade and investment to promote economic growth, prosperity, and sustainable development through its three pillars strategy: trade and investment liberalization, business facilitation, and economic and technical cooperation. The summit's Chair, Peruvian President Dina Ercilia Boluarte Zegarra, urged member countries "to uplift their commitment to the strengthening of APEC as an effective cooperation platform, based on consensus as its most important tool."

The leaders released the [Machu Pichu declaration](#), which outlines the new commitments for APEC members to work and take forward toward achieving the APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040 for an open, dynamic, resilient, and peaceful Asia-Pacific community by 2040. There were several ministerial-level deliberations held during the summit: women and the economy, women and trade, trade, tourism, energy, food security, health, small and medium enterprises, mining, and finance. Furthermore, the leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the Enhanced

APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (EAASR). They welcomed the progress to develop the “Strengthened and Enhanced APEC Agenda for Structural Reform” (SEAASR) 2026-2030.” The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to an inclusive and sustainable growth agenda and to ensure that the Asia-Pacific remains the world’s most dynamic and interconnected region. The next APEC Summit 2025 will be held in the Republic of Korea.

Biden-Xi Meeting- The U.S. President Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping held a [bilateral meeting](#) on the sidelines of the summit. Xi remarked that in today’s conflictual world, only solidarity and cooperation can help humanity overcome current difficulties. He also stated that in the era of the sci-tech revolution, decoupling and disruption in the supply chain is not a solution. He also said that “Small yard, high fences” should not be pursued by a major country. He further stated that China is ready to work with the new U.S. administration to maintain communication, expand cooperation, and manage differences so as to strive for a steady transition of the China-U.S. relationship for the benefit of the two peoples. It is worth mentioning that both leaders met last year in California on the sidelines of the APEC Summit 2023.

The bi-lateral meeting between Biden and Xi reflects the effort to repair the relations between the U.S. and China amid sustained tension as

President Biden emphasizes continuing the candid and frank conversations despite the disagreement between the two countries, and both countries cannot let any of this competition veer into conflict.

Australia-Japan-United States Trilateral Defense

Ministers' Convenes

Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles, Japanese Minister of Defense Nakatani Gen, and United States Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III convened the fourteenth Trilateral Defense Ministers meeting in Darwin, Australia. The leaders reaffirmed their sustained and enduring commitment to partnership based on shared values and deep trust to strengthen collective deterrence. They reiterated their steadfast commitment to a peaceful, stable, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region, where the rule of law is upheld, sovereignty is respected, and nations can make decisions free from coercion or threats of force. The leaders expressed concern about destabilizing actions in the East and South China Seas, including dangerous conduct by the People's Republic of China (PRC) against the Philippines and other coastal state vessels.

The leaders announced the establishment of the "Trilateral Defense Consultations" to support the alignment of policy and operational objectives of the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF), the Australian Defense Force (ADF), and the United States forces from peacetime to contingency. The U.S., Australia, and Japan set to expand the trilateral cooperation with planning, military capability, and interoperability. The leaders concur in further collaboration, including within the Partnership for Indo-Pacific Industrial Resilience (PIPIR), a multilateral forum of allies and partners aimed at strengthening defense industrial resilience in the Indo-Pacific region. [Read More](#)

Indonesian President Visits Washington

Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto met with President Joe Biden at the White House this week and congratulate to President-elect Donald Trump by phone during an official visit to Washington. Mr. Prabowo said he will work to strengthen Indonesia-U.S. relation. According to the White House press release the two leaders will also explore ways to strengthen U.S.-Indonesian cooperation as part of our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The leaders will coordinate sustainable approaches to food security, the clean energy transition, democracy and

pluralism, regional peace and stability, and people-to-people ties, as well as advancing our cooperation on humanitarian aid and disaster relief. [Read More](#)

Inaugural India-U.S. Indian Ocean Dialogue Held in Delhi

The U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell will travel to New Delhi, India, November 13- 14, 2024 for the inaugural U.S.-India Indian Ocean Dialogue. As per the official readout from the US State department at the Dialogue, he will join Principal Deputy National Security Advisor Jon Finer and senior Indian officials to discuss measures to promote security and prosperity throughout the Indo-Pacific region. While in New Delhi, he will also participate in the Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) Intersessional to further expand cooperation between the United States and India on technological innovation and production.

Indo-Pacific Quiz

Who is Dina Ercilia Boluarte Zegarra?

- a. President of East Timor
- b. President of Mexico
- c. President of Peru
- d. President of Brazil

Which countries fought the Battle of **Rezang La** on Nov. 18, 1962?

- a. India -China
- b. India -Pakistan
- c. China-Pakistan
- d. China -Japan

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- ❖ Video Recording: Trump 2.0 and America's Indo-Pacific Engagements. [Watch Here](#)

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