
PALM10: JAPAN'S CHANCE TO ENGAGE WITH PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES

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As China attempts to increase its influence over the PICs, Japan must marshal a strategic response that connects these states to its broader objectives in the Indo-Pacific.

Next year, Japan will host the 10th triennial Pacific Island Leaders Meeting (PALM10). PALM was first hosted by Tokyo in 1997 with leaders from all 14 Pacific Island countries (PICs) attending. Representatives from Australia and New Zealand take part, and since PALM8 in 2018, the leaders of New Caledonia and French Polynesia have also attended.

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