

CHINA PROPOSES 5G TIE-UP WITH INDIA, RUSSIA

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Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday pitched for a partnership with New Delhi and Moscow for expanding a joint footprint in the cyberspace.

In his remarks at the Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka, Japan, Mr. Xi urged the three countries, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin, to “expand cooperation in 5G network, high technology, connectivity, energy and other areas,” Xinhua reported. He also called for reforming the World Trade Organization (WTO), based on consensus.

Mr. Xi also proposed during the meeting that the three countries should become guardians of “global and regional peace and stability”. Without going into details, he said the trio should “advocate a common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security concept...”

Earlier this month, the three leaders, along with heads of five other Eurasian countries, deliberated on counterterrorism, and related common security issues, during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

The trio will meet again in Vladivostok at the Eastern Economic Forum, where Mr. Modi will be the chief guest.

Mr. Xi said the three countries should jointly combat terrorism in all forms, and work together to address global challenges such as climate change and cybersecurity. He pointed out that the rise of protectionism and unilateralism had seriously affected the stability of the global landscape, dragged down world economic growth, and exerted a negative impact that cannot be ignored on the international order on which emerging-market countries and developing countries depend.

The Chinese President also stressed that the three countries need to promote a multipolar world and make international relations more democratic. The three leaders decided to institutionalise their “informal summit” on the sidelines of the G20.

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