



PM Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe depart for Tokyo by Express Train Kaiji, in Yamanashi. PTI

## Modi holds informal talks with Japan PM

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe held informal talks at a picturesque resort near Mount Fuji and visited a factory of industrial robot manufacturer on Sunday as they spent about eight hours together on the first-day of a two-day summit.

Modi, who arrived in Japan Saturday evening to attend the 13th India-Japan annual summit, has said the partnership between the two countries has been fundamentally transformed and it has been strengthened as a 'special strategic and global partnership'.

Modi was received by Abe on his arrival at the Hotel Mount Fuji in the scenic Yamanashi prefecture, west of Tokyo. "Delighted to meet PM @AbeShinzo in the picturesque prefecture of Yamanashi," Modi tweeted.

The two leaders took a stroll

in the garden following which Abe hosted a luncheon for Modi at the scenic resort by Mount Fuji. After luncheon, both prime ministers visited the FANUC industrial facility, which specialises in automation.

"Taking our cooperation to modern and advanced technologies. PM @narendramodi and PM @AbeShinzo visited the FANUC Corporation, one of the largest makers of industrial robots in the world in #Yamanashi, and toured the robotics and automation facilities," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted.

Both the leaders observed several illustrations of the working of industrial robots. At the motor assembly facility, they witnessed the assembling of a motor by a robot in 40 seconds, officials added.

Later in the evening, Abe hosted Modi at his personal villa near Lake Kawaguchi in Yamanashi for a private dinner.