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Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit.

The President noted Egypt's keenness on further enhancing cooperation with India across various fields to reinforce the friendship and historic bonds that the two countries share.

Prime Minister Modi commended the momentum that bilateral relations have gained in the past two years and affirmed the friendship that they share, as well as India's keenness on promoting cooperation with Egypt at various levels, particularly at the economic, scientific and cultural levels.

President El Sisi highlighted Egypt's program for sustainable economic growth currently underway and noted the Egyptian people's awareness and understanding of the resulting burdens. He also outlined the mega national projects currently being implemented and measures taken to encourage investment in the country. He looked forward to having the Indian business community increase investment in Egypt.

Prime Minister Modi valued Egypt's efforts in advancing development and encouraging investment, which have prompted Indian companies to invest nearly 3 billion dollars in Egypt. He affirmed the importance of activating the joint business council and increasing trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

President El Sisi and Prime Minister Modi welcomed ongoing cooperation, especially in the field of training labor and expressed their keenness on enhancing cooperation in the fields of technology and capacity building. They agreed on holding the joint ministerial committee to prepare for Prime Minister Modi's visit to Egypt. The meeting also touched on coordination between Egypt and India at international fora. President El Sisi and Prime Minister Modi stressed the importance of continuing coordination on issues of mutual interest.

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