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Agreements and Memorandums Reached Between Japan and China on the Occasion of the Third Japan-China High-Level Economic Dialogue

Name	Description	Relevant ministries, agencies, and organizations
1. Cooperation on environment and energy conservation		
Memorandum on combating illegal logging and related trade and enhancing cooperation on supporting sustainable forest management	Tackling the problems of illegal logging has become a critical issue internationally from the standpoint of reducing greenhouse gas emission and biodiversity loss. Against this backdrop, the memorandum is intended to set up a framework for Japan and China, two of the world's leading timber trading countries and mutually important trading partners, to combat illegal logging and related trade. Japan and China share the view to advance concerted efforts in building a mechanism for certifying the legitimacy of timber and timber products which are logged, processed, distributed, exported and imported by the two countries, as well as promoting the trade and use of legal timber and timber products and sustainable forest management. The two sides will coordinate with each other for the early signing of the memorandum.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries State Forestry Administration
Japan-China Joint Crested Ibis Preservation Plan	The Plan provides a basic framework for the next five year cooperative activities (from 2010 to 2015) to protect the crested ibis. The Plan is aimed at following through the preservation plan to date and further promoting the recovery and development of crested ibis through the joint efforts by Japan and China.	Ministry of the Environment State Forestry Administration
2. Logistics and distribution		
Memorandum on the implementation of Japan-China Policy Dialogue Mechanism on Distribution and Logistics	As part of advancing the Japan-China "Mutually Beneficial Relationship based on Common Strategic Interests," the memorandum is intended to promote exchanges and cooperation in the area of logistics that lay the foundation for a wide range of business activities. Consultations will be held on a regular basis on policy, technology, and human resources exchanges in the areas of logistics, improvement of logistical management technology and facilitation of trade procedures, and the standardization of specifications and green logistics.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry / Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism National Development and Reform Commission
Memorandum on the establishment of Japan-China Distribution Dialogue framework	In order to strengthen the channel of discussions between the Japanese and Chinese governments in the area of distribution, the memorandum sets out a specific cooperation framework by establishing a Japan-China Distribution Dialogue framework. Through this dialogue, the two governments will enhance public and private-sector exchanges on Japanese and Chinese distribution, as well as further promote cooperation towards resolving the issues faced by Japanese and Chinese distribution firms in carrying out businesses in the two countries.	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry of Commerce
3. Human resources development		
Grant aid for the Human Resource Development Scholarship Project	The project covers the necessary tuition to attend universities in Japan for young Chinese officials in the central government and other administrative agencies who are expected to be involved in social and economic development and fulfill a leadership role in the future (grant: 492 million yen). This type of human resources development assistance is intended to support the economic and social development of China and to deepen understanding of Japan. This project is expected to contribute to building mutual understanding and friendly relations between the two countries.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Commerce
4. Manufacturing and information industries		
Memorandum on enhancing exchanges and cooperation between the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China	The memorandum is intended to set up vice ministerial level consultations between the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China on a regular basis. Through the vice ministerial level consultations, the two ministries plan to share information on industry trends and policies of the manufacturing and information industries, resolve problems, and cooperate with each other.	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry of Industry and Information Technology
<Private sector level>		
Memorandum on strengthening Japan-China cooperation for food safety and trade stability and expansion	The memorandum is intended to strengthen Japan-China cooperation on information sharing and exchange activities related to the trade and safety of agricultural products and food.	The Association for the Promotion of International Trade, Japan China Chamber of Commerce of Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce & Animal By-Products