



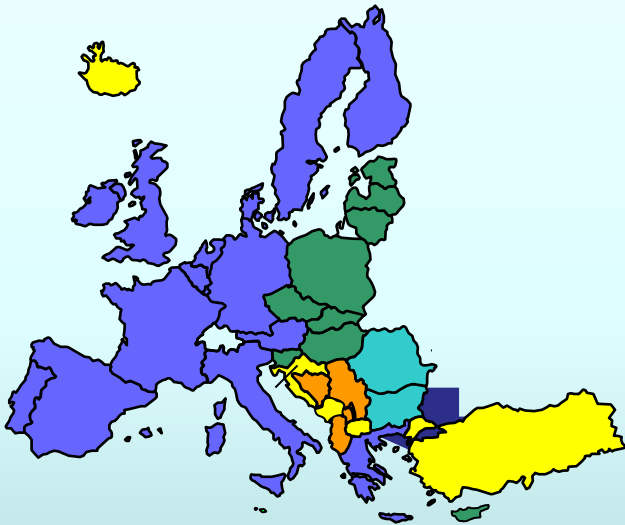
# Japan-EU Relations

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# Japan-EU Relations : Global Partners with Shared Fundamental Values

## European Union (EU)

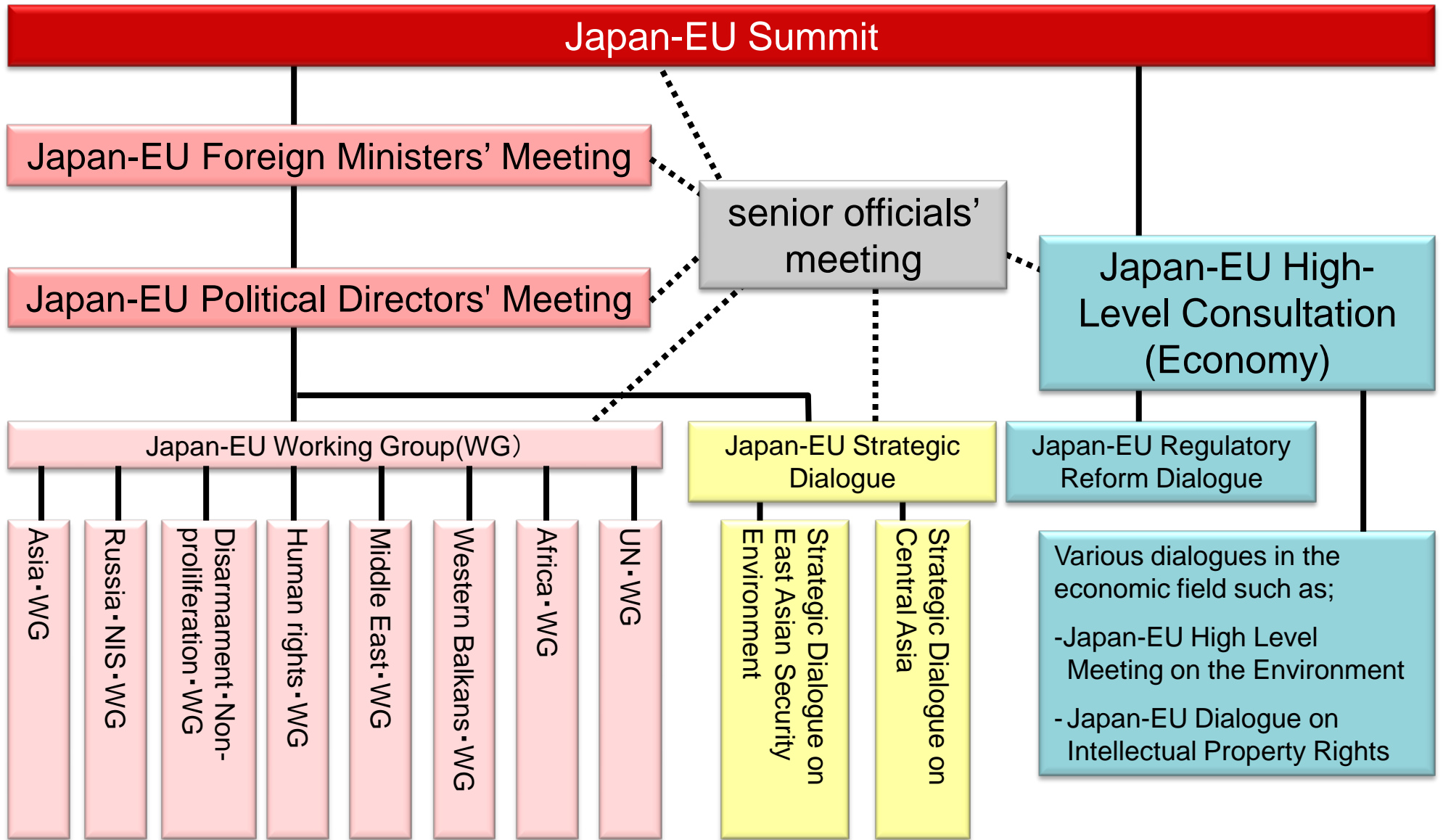


- ✓ A main global actor along with the US playing a leading role for peace and prosperity in the international community.
  - influence on setting global agendas, formulating rules/standards, forming international public opinion.
  - a large presence in international frameworks such as the UN Security Council (Permanent Member: UK, France) and the G8 (UK, France, Germany, Italy, EU) .
- ✓ an integrated economy which accounts for a third of the world's GDP (about 3.2 times of that of Japan) and a total population of around five hundred million(3.9 times of that of Japan), and a major trade and investment partner with Japan.
- ✓ Shares fundamental values and principles such as democracy, the rule of law and human rights with Japan.
- ✓ Shares common position on a number of the global issues with Japan.

## An important global partner in pursuing Japan's national interests

- tackling global challenges with close coordination
  - climate change, energy security, world economy, fight against terrorism, reconstruction in Afghanistan etc.
- Fostering shared understanding on regional issues through multi-layered dialogues
  - security environment in East Asia, Middle East/North Africa etc.

# The Framework for Japan-EU Dialogues



# The 20<sup>th</sup> EU-Japan Summit

## 1. Synopsis

- Date: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Morning session and working lunch)
- Venue: the Castle of Val-Duchesse, Brussels
- Attendees: Prime Minister Kan, European Council President Van Rompuy, European Commission President Barroso

## 2. Essentials

- **”The Year of Kizuna”**: Illustrating the Summit as the “Kizuna Summit”, Summit Leaders agreed to further expand and deepen their cooperation and strengthen the bond of friendship (Kizuna) as global partners sharing fundamental values. Summit Leaders released a joint press statement and its annex focusing on Japan-EU cooperation in the fields of nuclear safety, energy and disaster management.
- **JAPAN-EU EPA**: Based upon the work of the Joint High-Level Group (JHLG), Summit Leaders agreed to start the process for the negotiation for Japan-EU EPA as a next step to the comprehensive strengthening of Japan-EU relations.
- **Cooperation in the political field**: Summit Leaders agreed to start the similar process for the negotiation for a bidding agreement, covering political, global and other sectoral cooperation. They also agreed to enhance cooperation and such issues specified by JHLG including support for Afghanistan, assistance to the Palestinians, nuclear safety and disaster management.
- **Global challenges**: Summit Leaders exchanged views on various issues such as nuclear safety, energy issues, green economy, climate change and global economy.
- **Regional issues**: Summit Leaders exchanged views for further strengthening Japan-EU cooperation in such issues as various support for national reforms and smooth regime transactions in the Middle East and North Africa, Iran’s nuclear issue, North Korea’s uranium enrichment activities and human rights issues including abduction, and the relationship with China.
- **Others**: Summit Leaders decided to establish senior officials meetings to review Japan-EU relations, and to launch exchanges between their diplomats.

### 【The Castle of Val-Duchesse】

A place of historical importance where the intergovernmental negotiations on the Treaties of Rome took place in 1957 and the European Commission held its first meeting in 1958.

