The Extensive Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity in Asia

The leaders decided to elevate the bilateral partnership to a higher level, namely the “Extensive Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity in Asia”, and promote cooperation in fields such as the following:

1 Political and Security Issues

- Strengthening dialogue including high-level mutual visits, promoting cooperation in the areas of defense, public safety and security, and legal system development.
- Promoting cooperation in the capacity building of maritime law enforcement agencies, and dispatching a survey mission from Japan in the near future.

2 Economic Issues

- Prime Minister Abe expressed support for Viet Nam in achieving its modernization and industrialization goals.
- President Sang expressed his gratitude regarding the signing of the E/N on 5 ODA projects which amounts to 120 billion yen; Strengthening cooperation in order to promote the development and operation of infrastructure in Viet Nam; actively promoting Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).
- Continuing cooperation on improving the investment climate; Sharing the importance of reforming the banking sector and the state-owned enterprises.
- Establishing a cooperation dialogue mechanism to promote comprehensive cooperation in the field of agriculture, forestry and fisheries. (The Record of Discussion was signed.)
- Sharing views on cooperation toward promoting Japanese language education and developing vocational skill standards in Viet Nam; Affirming cooperation in the Japan-Viet Nam University project. (The Strategic Cooperation Program was signed.)
- Promoting cooperation in the area of healthcare. (The Memorandum of Cooperation was signed.)
- Sharing views on promoting cooperation in the areas of energy (including nuclear power, and high efficient coal-fired power generation), the environment, climate change, eco-city development, disaster management, information and communications, postal business, and science and technology, etc.
- Welcoming the expected arrival of the first batch of eligible Vietnamese candidates for qualified nurse and certified care-workers to Japan in June.
3 Cultural and People-to-People Exchange

- Accelerating discussions towards the establishment of a dialogue framework; Cooperation through “WA Project – Toward Interactive Asia through ‘Fusion and Harmony’”, and cooperation on broadcasting etc.
- Promoting tourism (exchanging opinions on addressing further the simplification of visa application procedures); youth and sports exchange (“Sport for Tomorrow” program).

4 Cooperation in the Regional and International fora

- Cooperating closely to bring the results of the ASEAN-Japan Summit to commemorate 40 years of ASEAN-Japan dialogue relations and the 5th Mekong-Japan Summit.
- Prime Minister Abe elaborated Japan’s security policy based on the policy of “Proactive Contribution to Peace”, and President Sang strongly expressed his expectation toward Japan’s active and constructive to peace, stability and prosperity.
- President Sang expressed his expectation regarding the benefits of “Abenomics”.
- Prime Minister Abe highly praised Viet Nam’s efforts toward the settlement of maritime issues based on the principle of the rule of law; The leaders shared the position regarding the importance of upholding the freedom of navigation and overflight, ensuring the resolution of disputes by peaceful means in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law, and the conclusion of the Code of Conduct (COC) in South China at an early date.
- Sharing the view regarding the denuclearization of North Korea and sharing the intention to strengthen efforts to resolve the issue of abduction.