

FACT SHEET

on the Progress of Implementation of the Joint Communiqué by the Prime Minister of Japan and the Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, Lisbon, 2nd of May 2014

On the 27th of March 2015, the Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe and the Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic Mr. Pedro Passos Coelho held a meeting in Tokyo.

Both leaders reviewed the progress of implementation of the joint actions stated in “Joint Communiqué by the Prime Minister of Japan and the Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, Lisbon, 2nd of May 2014”, and confirmed more actions to further strengthen the bilateral relations written below. They also appreciated the signing of the following four (4) Memorandums.

- (i) Memorandum of Cooperation between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Portuguese Republic concerning Arrangements for Working Holidays
- (ii) Memorandum of Cooperation between the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and the Agency for Investment and Foreign Trade of Portugal (AICEP)
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Algarve, the Portuguese Institute for the Ocean and the Atmosphere and Kinki University
- (iv) Memorandum of Understanding on Student Exchange between the University of Algarve and Graduate School and School of Science, Hokkaido University

1. Political Relations and Security

[Achievements]

• Ministerial meetings and mutual visits

The visit by Prime Minister Mr. Pedro Passos Coelho to Japan has marked a mutual visit at the summit level between the two countries. It should be noted that the following meetings and events have also taken place

- The visit of Minister of Agriculture and Sea, Ms. Assunção Cristas, to Japan in June 2014,
- The visit of Minister for Regulatory Reform, Ms. Tomomi Inada, to Portugal in July 2014,
- The meeting between State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Yasuhide Nakayama and Secretary of State for European Affairs Mr. Bruno Maçães in Cairo in October 2014,
- The visit of Secretary of State of Food and Agri-food Research, Mr. Nuno Vieira e Brito, to Japan, in February 2015.

● **Progress in the parliamentary exchanges**

- The visit of the delegation of the Commission on the Constitution of the House of the Representatives to Portugal in July 2014,
- The visit of the delegation headed by Vice Speaker of the House of the Representatives, Mr. Hirotaka Akamatsu, to Portugal in August 2014,
- The visit of the Vice-President of the Parliamentary Group of Friendship between Portugal and Japan, Mr. João Galamba, to Japan in March 2015.

● **Progress of dialogues between the two Governments**

- The Political Consultation between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs in Lisbon, in December 2014,
- The visit of Defense Policy Director, Mr. Nuno Pinheiro Torres, to Japan in May 2014,
- The exchange of views between the Cabinet Secretariat (Oceans Policy) of Japan and the Ministry of Agriculture and Sea in Lisbon in October 2014,
- “Colloquium: Japan, Portugal and EU cooperation” held in Lisbon in October 2014.

[Future Cooperation]

- **Japanese observers’ participation in the NATO Exercise Trident Juncture 2015 hosted by Portugal from October to November 2015**
- **Further exploration of opportunities to exchange experiences**

between the two defense authorities

- **Making efforts to follow up the “Colloquium” at a mutually convenient time in a future**

2. Economy

[Achievements]

- **Progress on trade and investment**

- The visit of the JETRO Business Delegation to Portugal in October 2014 and the visit of the AICEP delegation to Japan in November 2014,
- The signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between JETRO and AICEP in March 2015,
- The first exports of Portuguese pork to Japan in October 2014,
- Bilateral decision to develop an Automated Demand Response Demonstration Project, in the framework of cooperation on smart community, involving all concerned parties of both countries, in March 2015.

[Future Cooperation]

- **Cooperation in the field of food, agriculture and livestock products**

- Export of Portugal’s poultry and cherry to Japan,
- Cooperation on the EU’s review of import restrictions on food from Japan, including those from Fukushima Prefecture,
- Cooperation in the area of food safety between the risk assessment authorities of the two countries.

- **Promotion of two-way direct investment, promotion of the two countries products, as well as the cooperation between Japanese and Portuguese companies in third countries through combined effort of JETRO and AICEP**

- **Japan’s high-level participation to the Blue Week hosted by Portugal in June 2015**

- **Next steps for cooperation on smart community**

--- A technical meeting in early April 2015, followed by the Feasibility Study (F/S) and the Demonstration Project.

- **Promotion of contacts between the Business Confederation of CPLP and Japanese companies**

3. Cultural and Academic Cooperation and People to People Exchange

[Achievements]

- **Progress on language education**

--- Submission of the revised Action Plan to the CPLP in February 2015,
--- The 2nd Speech Contest in Japanese held in Porto in November 2014 and the 5th Japanese Language Proficiency Test held in Porto in December 2014.

- **Portugal's presence by the President of Champalimaud Foundation in the World Assembly for Women in Tokyo (WAW! Tokyo 2014) in September 2014**
- **The signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Portuguese Republic concerning Arrangements for Working Holidays in March 2015**
- **The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Algarve, the Portuguese Institute for the Ocean and the Atmosphere and Kinki University in March 2015**
- **The signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Student Exchange between the University of Algarve and Graduate School and School of Science, Hokkaido University in March 2015**
- **Festa do Japão(Japan Festival) in June and "The Exhibition on Japanese Calligraphy" from October to December in 2014 held respectively in Lisbon**

[Future Cooperation]

- **Further preparation for an exhibition of diplomatic archives**

- **Portuguese scout participation (over 200 young members) to the 23th World Scout Jamboree scheduled in Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan, from July to August 2015**

- **Portugal's expected presence in the World Assembly for Women in Tokyo (WAW! Tokyo 2015) in August 2015**

- **Symposium on Disaster Risk Reduction to be cohosted by the City of Lisbon and the Hyogo Earthquake 21st Memorial Research Institute in Lisbon in November 2015**

- **Japan's presence in the Bolsa de Turismo de Lisboa scheduled in Lisbon in February 2016**

- **Academic cooperation for the International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies in Lisbon in 2017**

- **Sports Exchanges towards the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo**

- **Cooperation for restoring Underlayer Sheets of Namban Screens (Biombo Namban) in Porto, Lisbon and Évora**

4. Other Cooperation with Regional and International Dimensions

[Achievements]

● **Cooperation in the CPLP**

- Approval of Japan's Associated Observer status at the CPLP summit in Dili, Timor Leste, in July 2014,
- Participation from both countries in the election observation mission for the elections in the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe in October 2014.

- **The Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**

--- Participation by Ms. Anabela Rodrigues, Minister of Internal Administration, in March 2015, Sendai, Japan.

- **Cooperation on maritime affairs**

--- The exchange of views between the Cabinet Secretariat (Oceans Policy) of Japan and the European Maritime Safety Agency in October 2014.

[Future Cooperation]

- **Cooperation against terrorism**

- **Cooperation toward agreement in principle on the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement during 2015 and for enhancing negotiations on the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement**

- **Implementation of dialogues between diplomatic missions in Portuguese-speaking countries and other regions**

- **Japan's participation in a Ministerial Meeting of CPLP to be held in Dili, Timor Leste, in July 2015**

- **Portugal's continuing support to the Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD) process**

- **Strengthening of the United Nations (UN) particularly by reforming the Security Council**

--- Cooperation towards the UN General Assembly in September 2015,

--- Portugal's continued support for G4's initiative.

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