

**Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategic Partnership
between
the Government of Japan
and
the Government of the Republic of Poland
for the years 2017-2020**

The Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Poland (Poland):

RECALLING the establishment of diplomatic relations which marks the 100th anniversary in 2019;

RECALLING the re-establishment of diplomatic relations which marks the 60th anniversary in 2017;

RECALLING the visits of Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe to Poland in 2013 and President of Poland Bronisław Komorowski to Japan in 2015;

RECALLING in particular the milestone decision of the two countries to establish the Strategic Partnership in 2015;

RECOGNIZING the solid ties of friendship between Japan and Poland and the remarkable progress made in the bilateral relations in various areas in recent years;

REAFFIRMING the importance of the shared fundamental values such as democratic principles, human rights, the rule of law, and their willingness to contribute to peace and prosperity of their respective regions and the international community;

WELCOMING further development of bilateral economic ties including the establishment of direct flight operated by Polish airline and the expansion of Japanese investment in Poland;
and

REAFFIRMING the importance of the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA);

HAVE DECIDED to further strengthen their bilateral ties by adopting the following Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategic Partnership and taking the specific actions for the years 2017 – 2020.

1. Political and Security Cooperation

The Governments will make efforts to:

- a) maintain regular high-level contacts between the two countries;
- b) strengthen the political dialogue on current bilateral, regional and global issues, between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries by holding:
 - political consultations at the deputy foreign minister level once in two years;
 - political consultations at the level of corresponding high-level officials responsible respectively for Europe and Asia once a year;
- c) deepen dialogue on national security and defense cooperation through:
 - security and defense high-level dialogue at the corresponding high-level officials on a regular basis;
 - national security consultations between Japan's National Security Secretariat and Poland's National Security Bureau.

2. Economic, Science and Technology Cooperation

The Governments will make efforts to create favorable conditions for further deepening and expanding bilateral trade and investments by:

- a) continuing effective cooperation with existing economic structures, including the Poland-Japan Economic Committee, and establishing subcommittees focusing on cooperation in specific industries;
- b) encouraging bilateral business relations between Japanese and Polish entities and improving business environments in both countries;
- c) working toward further improvement in the field of economic cooperation;
- d) taking notes of the demonstration project conducted by the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) of Japan for a grid stabilization system, encouraging Japanese and Polish partners for further cooperation in this area;
- e) continuing cooperation under the Memorandum of Cooperation on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy signed on 30 March, 2010, between the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Poland through encouraging joint projects and other forms of cooperation;
- f) encouraging cooperation toward research and development of high temperature gas-cooled reactor technologies between the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) and National Centre for Nuclear Research of Poland (NCBJ);

- g) cooperating on the third countries' markets, particularly joint projects in copper mining sector;
- h) enhancing cooperation between corresponding entities of Japan and Poland in the area of clean coal technology, including development of Integrated coal Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC);
- i) continuing cooperation in the area of science and technology between the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and the Poland's National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) with the view of broadening common research areas;
- j) enhancing exchanges of experience between the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland aiming at strengthening their cooperation, encouraging exchange of students and researchers and promoting the future development of joint research projects;
- k) strengthening cooperation toward 24th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) hosted by the Government of Poland in 2018;
- l) establishing cooperation in the field of medicinal products and medical devices regulatory facets between Japan's Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency and Poland's Office for Registration of Medicinal Products, Medical Devices and Biocidal Products;
- m) increasing regulatory transparency and coordination between the two countries in the area of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary issues.

3. Promotion of Cultural and People-to-People Exchange

The Governments will make efforts to implement the following actions:

- a) cooperation on joint programs for the 60th anniversary of the re-establishment of bilateral relations and then conducting the actual programs;
- b) promotion of exchanges between universities and other academic institutions;
- c) support for the exchange of young people under the Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Poland on a Working Holiday Scheme to facilitate people-to-people exchange;
- d) development of exchange programs for representatives of local administration;
- e) creation of stimulus for regional cooperation between the two countries, creating a preliminary list by both Governments of potential candidates of the cities and regions to be twinned;

- f) promotion of exchanges of athletes, coaches, sport experts and organizers of sport events in order to develop mutual cooperation in the field of sport toward Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020;
- g) mutual cooperation in the area of tourism as an engine of growth as well as a crucial tool for job creation and enhancing people-to-people contacts.

4. Multilateral Cooperation

4.1 The Governments will complement their bilateral relations by:

- a) cooperating closely within the United Nations system, in view of Japan's United Nations Security Council membership in the years 2016-2017 and the Polish candidature to the UN Security Council in the years 2018-2019; as well as the importance of the UN Security Council reform;
- b) conducting closer dialogue within the framework of Japan-European Union cooperation;
- c) initiating a dialogue on issues of regional and global importance at the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) platform;
- d) pursuing projects and consultations within the framework of Visegrad Group (V4) + Japan cooperation.

4.2 The Governments will promote their shared fundamental values in the international and regional arenas by:

- a) opposing to any coercive or unilateral actions, reaffirming the importance of peaceful settlement of maritime disputes in the South China Sea in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
- b) ensuring their commitment to the principle of inviolability of borders in particular with regard to the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, and to the non-recognition policy toward illegal annexation of Crimean peninsula;
- c) supporting the full implementation and enforcement of multilateral disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control treaties and regimes, by using means at our disposal to assist in resolving proliferation crises, such as in the case of DPRK - urging DPRK to refrain from any provocation, to fully comply with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks, to take concrete actions toward denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and to respect for the basic human rights including return of all abductees at the earliest possible date;
- d) echoing the Sustainable Development Goals: promoting humanitarian, development, migration, trade, investment and infrastructure cooperation, as well as education, culture, youth, health and research policies;

- e) continuing regional cooperation, particularly with regard to the Eastern Partnership and other EU-neighboring countries.

5. Cooperation toward the 100th Anniversary of establishing Japan-Poland diplomatic relations

The Governments will make efforts toward:

- a) establishing a joint committee for the 100th Anniversary and under this common umbrella initiating various programs such as political high-level exchanges, economic or cultural activities;
- b) properly recognizing the anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, naming the year 2019 the Year of Cultural Exchange between Japan and Poland.

6. Other important matters

6.1 This Action Plan will not constitute an international agreement between the Governments. Nothing in this Action Plan will be understood as creating legally binding rights or obligations for the Governments.

6.2 Any differences arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Action Plan will be resolved amicably through consultations between the Governments.

6.3 This Action Plan implementation progress will be a subject to annual assessment by the Governments during the political consultation.

6.4 This Action Plan will commence on 18 May 2017, and end on 31 December 2020.

6.5 This Action Plan may be modified at any time with the mutual written consent of the Governments.

SIGNED in duplicate at Tokyo, on the 18th day of May, 2017, in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
JAPAN

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND