



1 Background

- Joint Declaration on Relations between Japan and the European Community and its Member States was issued in 1991 and both sides decided to strengthen cooperation between them.
- In May 2011, Japan and the EU decided to commence the negotiations for a comprehensive agreement on a wide range of cooperation in order to further enhance the relationship in a manner befitting the new era, given the changes in the international community.
- A total of 13 negotiation meetings were conducted until reaching an agreement in the negotiation in February 2018. The Agreement was signed on 17 July.

2 Purpose

- The Agreement will serve as a legal basis for promoting cooperation on matters of mutual interest in a wide range of areas, between Japan and the European Union as well as its Member States which share values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, and for strengthening the long-lasting strategic partnership between them.

3 Outline

- Japan, EU and the Member states will cooperate/coordinate in the areas listed below, based on the principles of mutual respect, equal partnership and respect for international law.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of shared values and principles • Promotion of peace and security • Crisis management • Non-proliferation of WMD and disarmament • Transfer control of conventional weapons • Investigation and prosecution of serious crimes • Counter-terrorism • Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear risk mitigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International and regional cooperation and reform of the UN • Development policy • Disaster management and humanitarian action • Economic and financial policy • Science, technology and innovation • Transport • Outer space • Industrial cooperation • Customs • Taxation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism • Information society • Consumer policy • Environment • Climate change • Urban policy • Energy • Agriculture • Fisheries • Maritime affairs • Employment and social affairs • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judicial cooperation • Combating corruption and organised crime • Combating money laundering and financing of terrorism • Combating illicit drugs • Cyber issues • Passenger name records • Migration • Personal data protection • Education • Youth and sport • Culture
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