

Joint Declaration
On the Establishment of the Strategic Dialogue
between the Government of Japan
and the Government of the State of Qatar

The Government of Japan, represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Government of the State of Qatar, represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants").

Desiring to establish practical procedures for the strategic dialogue between them, with a view to strengthening the existing relations between them in all fields and encouraging continuous cooperation between their countries and friendly peoples,

Have declared as follows:

1. The Participants will establish the Strategic Dialogue chaired by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the two countries with officials from relevant institutions of both Participants as members participating in the dialogue.
2. The Strategic Dialogue does not replace the existing mechanisms of bilateral cooperation. The mission of the Strategic Dialogue is to plan and coordinate bilateral relationship and the cooperation in major projects, and promote cooperation between the Participants in various fields especially the following:
 - i. Consolidating the political relationship between the Participants.
 - ii. Strengthening the cooperation in energy, investment, economic, trade, transport, ICT (Information and Communication Technology) and environment.
 - iii. Supporting the mutual cooperation in security, educational, cultural, health, humanitarian, sports and other fields of interest decided by the Participants.
3. The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of both Participants will be responsible for leading the coordination. The Participants will hold meetings at the time decided alternately in each country. The dates of these meetings will be decided upon consultation through diplomatic channels.

4. The Participants may create special working teams at the Director General level if necessary to promote bilateral cooperation in related fields. The special working teams may hold meetings in advance of the Strategic Dialogue at the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs. The summary of the meetings of the special working teams will be submitted to the Strategic Dialogue for deliberation.

5. This Joint Declaration may be modified by a decision by the Participants.

6. Any divergences concerning the interpretation and implementation of this Joint Declaration will be settled through mutual negotiations and consultation between the Participants.

7. This Joint Declaration reflects the goodwill of the Participants, but it is not legally binding and does not intend to create any rights or obligations to the Participants under the international law.

8. This Joint Declaration will commence on the date of the signing, and will continue unless either of the Participants notifies the other through diplomatic channels of its intention to discontinue it at least six (6) months in advance. The discontinuation of this Joint Declaration will not affect the existing tasks carried out by the Participants prior to its discontinuation, until they are completed, unless otherwise mutually decided by the Participants in writing.

Made and signed in Tokyo on/...../2019 (AD) in two originals each in Japanese, Arabic and English languages. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**For
the Government of
Japan**

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the State of Qatar**

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