

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

of the First Japan-Uzbekistan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue

On August 27, 2025, in Tashkent, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Iwaya Takeshi and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Saidov (hereinafter referred to as the “Ministers”) announced the launch of a new format of high-level interaction – the Japan-Uzbekistan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue (hereinafter referred to as the “Strategic Dialogue”) and successfully held its first meeting.

1. The Ministers noted that the decision to establish the Strategic Dialogue was made in light of the achieved level and consistent development of bilateral cooperation between Japan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, which gained new momentum following the adoption of the Joint Statement on Further Deepening and Expanding the Strategic Partnership between Japan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on December 19, 2019.

2. The Ministers confirmed that the purpose of the Strategic Dialogue is to strengthen mutual trust and strategic partnership between the two countries, as well as to promote long-term, constructive and mutually beneficial cooperation in such areas as politics, security, trade, investment, economic security, including supply chain resilience, energy, food security, industry, innovation, healthcare, education, labor mobility, cultural and human interaction and other areas of mutual interest.

3. The Ministers concurred on the importance of enhancing cooperation between their Ministries in order to further maintain active political dialogue at the highest and high levels, as well as to facilitate mutual exchanges between parliaments, governments, ministries and other agencies, which are essential for the dynamic development of the full range of bilateral relations between the countries.

4. The Ministers welcomed the strengthening of economic ties between Japan and Uzbekistan, and noted the significant untapped potential for increasing trade and investment.

The Ministers concurred on making efforts to expand and diversify trade and economic cooperation, explore new opportunities in industrial and technological cooperation, energy, including renewable energy, and the development of transport and logistics infrastructure.

5. The Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening investment partnership, including through the expanded presence of Japanese companies in Uzbekistan, the development of joint ventures and

the introduction of advanced Japanese technologies in priority sectors of the economy.

6. The Ministers confirmed the great potential for expanding cooperation in information technology, education, healthcare, science, innovation, the green economy, food and agriculture, water management, smart cities, and other priority areas.

7. The Ministers expressed mutual interest in expanding human exchanges, and strengthening people-to-people ties and advocated for increased cooperation in culture, sports, tourism, interregional exchanges, and the development of public diplomacy.

8. The Ministers noted the importance of further cooperation in the field of education and human resource development, including support for academic exchanges, increasing the number of scholarships and the promotion of Japanese and Uzbek language studies.

9. Minister Iwaya confirmed Japan's continued support for the development strategy of the "New Uzbekistan", welcomed the ongoing reforms in Uzbekistan aimed at economy liberalization and democratic transformation, and expressed its readiness to continue contributing to the sustainable development of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

10. The Ministers recognized that cooperation in the international arena serves the interests of both countries and called for further strengthening of collaboration within international institutions, including the United Nations (UN). The Ministers supported the expansion of the UN Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent categories.

The Ministers recalled the Joint Statement on Further Deepening and Expanding the Strategic Partnership between Japan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on December 19, 2019, and stressed the importance of continuing mutual support in order to protect the common strategic interests of the two countries and regional stability and security.

11. The Ministers acknowledged the importance of the free and open international order based on the rule of law which aims to promote peace and prosperity in the world and reaffirmed their cooperation on this.

12. The Ministers noted the importance of the "Central Asia plus Japan" Dialogue as a successful and effective regional platform for multilateral cooperation and supported its further development.

The Ministers concurred on close cooperation in order to effectively prepare and successfully convene the First Summit of the "Central Asia plus Japan" Dialogue.

13. The Ministers confirmed the importance of joint efforts to combat terrorism, violent extremism, drug trafficking, organized crime and other challenges and threats to regional and international security.

14. The Ministers discussed and concurred on the schedule of key events on the immediate agenda of Japanese-Uzbek cooperation.

15. The Ministers highly valued the results of the first meeting of the Strategic Dialogue, which marked the beginning of a new high-level format for advancing cooperation in priority areas and exchanging views on pressing regional and international issues of common concern.

16. The Ministers concurred on striving to hold meetings of the Strategic Dialogue once every two years, alternately in Japan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, as appropriate.

The next meeting of the Strategic Dialogue will be held in Tokyo. The date and agenda will be consented through diplomatic channels.

This Joint Communique was signed in Tashkent on August 27, 2025.

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of Japan**

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