

## Japan-Australia Strategic Cyber Partnership

1. To play a leading role in realising a free and open Indo-Pacific that is inclusive and resilient, building on commitments under the Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation and 2+2 Ministerial framework, the Governments of Japan and Australia (hereinafter referred to as 'the Participants') are committed to elevating and facilitating our cooperation across the full array of cyber security issues through the Japan-Australia Strategic Cyber Partnership (hereinafter referred to as 'the Strategic Cyber Partnership').
2. The Participants will work together to strengthen cyber defences and cyber resilience and improve shared awareness and collaboration on cyber threats, critical technologies and cyber response governance mechanisms both within our governments and with the private sector.

### Scope

3. The Participants are committed to a free, fair and secure cyberspace. The Participants reaffirm that existing international law, including the United Nations Charter in its entirety, is applicable to State's conduct in cyberspace and is essential to maintaining peace, security and stability.
4. The Participants hereby affirm a commitment to demonstrating global leadership in deepening common recognitions around how existing international law and voluntary, non-binding norms of responsible State behaviour apply in cyberspace, and to assist regional partners to build their cyber resilience and secure digital connectivity, in cooperation with other partners.
5. Where possible, the Participants will consult each other on cyber-related contingencies that may affect our sovereignty and regional security interests and consider measures in response.
6. The Strategic Cyber Partnership sets out the following pillars for bilateral cooperation:
  - a. **Harden cyber defences** by enhancing information sharing to build a broader picture of cyber threats. The Participants will continue to develop closer cooperation on various measures to impose costs on malicious cyber actors including through attributions and technical advisories to deter and respond to both state and non-state actors including cyber criminals and their proxies. The Participants will share expertise to support ongoing efforts on our respective laws, policies and operations related to cyber security and resilience of critical infrastructure.
  - b. **Build a resilient region and exercise global leadership** by strengthening and coordinating cyber security capacity building efforts in the Indo-Pacific, including through the Quad and others. The Participants will promote trusted, secure and resilient infrastructure across the Indo-Pacific and will coordinate closely on internet governance to ensure internet and digital ecosystems remain free, open, secure, interoperable, reliable and multi-stakeholder.
  - c. **Strengthen public-private partnerships** by regularising and enhancing information sharing between our governments and industry to improve industry cyber resilience and cyber response capability. The Participants will work together to ensure the enabling environment promotes greater government and industry collaboration, particularly in regard to critical infrastructure, as well as ransomware and cybercrime.
  - d. **Enhance collaboration on critical technology security, including in relation to artificial intelligence**, recognising that AI both strengthens speed and scale and changes to the cyber landscape, enhancing the ability to respond to cyber threats, whilst also enabling more sophisticated cyberattacks. The Participants are committed to further cooperation to respond to the growing opportunities and challenges posed by critical technologies consistent with Zero Trust principles and Secure by Design Principles.

## **Governance**

7. The Strategic Cyber Partnership will be governed through the Japan-Australia Cyber Policy Dialogue (hereinafter referred to as 'the Cyber Dialogue') to advance the full spectrum of cyber cooperation. The Cyber Dialogue is co-chaired by Ambassador in charge of Cyber Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Ambassador for Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and includes participation of other ministries, departments and agencies with relevant policy interests.