

Action Plan for Implementation of the Strategic Partnership Cooperation between Japan and the Czech Republic for Years 2026 – 2030

The Government of Japan and the Government of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as “Sides”),

Recognizing the remarkable progress made in bilateral relations between Japan and the Czech Republic, and stressing that cooperation in all areas will be developed toward 2030, the 110th anniversary of the diplomatic relations since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1920;

Recalling the Joint Statement toward Strategic Partnership between Japan and the Czech Republic, signed in August 2003 in Prague by Prime Ministers Vladimír ŠPIDLA and KOIZUMI Junichiro;

Intending to follow up on achievements of the Action Plan for Cooperation between Japan and the Czech Republic for the period of 2021 – 2025;

Reaffirming their determination to further expand and strengthen cooperation in the fields of mutual interest;

Recalling the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part, which entered into force in January 2025 and the Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership, which entered into force in February 2019;

Emphasizing the importance of UN Charter and its principles as foundations of the international order based on the rule of law;

Reaffirming the strong commitment to shared values and principles, in particular democracy, the rule of law, human rights, fundamental freedoms, sustainable development and open and transparent markets;

Recognizing that the security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable, sharing the vision of the free and open Indo-Pacific to be more resilient and prosperous together;

Determined to further expand and strengthen cooperation on SDGs, global issues and global challenges of mutual interest, including disaster risk reduction, climate change, environmental protection, terrorism, cybersecurity, energy security, and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;

Determined to further develop and deepen mutual understanding and business exchange between our two peoples cultivated through EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan;

Plan to take the following actions:

Political and Security Cooperation

1. Both Sides will continue their efforts to increase political dialogues at all levels. To this end, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic will continue to hold policy consultations on senior officials' level and make continued efforts to hold Foreign Ministers' meetings, taking advantage of bilateral visits as well as multilateral frameworks and reinforce political consultations.
2. Both Sides will seek to develop defense and defense industrial cooperation through exchanges among various personnel, including high-level officials and through participation in training and military exercise and other activities, on the basis of the Memorandum between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic concerning Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defense, signed in Prague on 27 July 2017, and pursue specific outcomes based on the Memorandum between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic on Defense Industrial Cooperation, signed in Prague on 8 November 2024.
3. Both Sides will encourage the development of closer cooperation between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Japan including the Individually Tailored Partnership Programme (ITPP) as well as the flagship projects between NATO and partners in the Indo-Pacific region (IP4).
4. Both Sides will aim to promote cooperation and to concentrate mutual efforts as well as technical and human resources in the sphere of cybersecurity on the basis of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the National Cybersecurity Office of Japan and the National Cyber and Information Security Agency of the Czech Republic.
5. Both Sides will continue to cooperate on international cyber issues, including cybersecurity, cyber defense, cybercrime and enhance coordination in these areas by holding the bilateral consultations, exchange of practical experience and sharing best practices.
6. Both Sides will promote norms of responsible state behaviour in cyberspace. They aim to foster a secure, stable, and peaceful cyberspace and digital environment by engaging in diplomatic efforts including through advocating for the adherence to existing international law, developing new frameworks as needed, and supporting confidence-building measures to prevent conflicts and misunderstandings in the digital domain.
7. Both Sides will elaborate on cooperation within the Visegrad Group plus Japan (V4+Japan) format.

8. Both Sides will cooperate within the framework of the United Nations and will promote mutual cooperation in other international organizations and multilateral fora.
9. Both Sides will cooperate on the promotion and protection of human rights, including empowering civil society and media organizations, and advancing democracy, the rule of law and related issues and will strengthen cooperation within and support for the international human rights mechanism.
10. Both Sides will cooperate in comprehensive reforms throughout the whole UN system toward effective multilateralism, within the framework of the UN80 reform initiative and beyond, and taking concrete actions toward UN Security Council reform, including the expansion of both permanent and non-permanent categories of its membership, based on the shared recognition of the urgent need of reforming the UNSC.

Cooperation in the field of Economy and Industry

11. Both Sides welcome the steady and effective implementation of the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and will promote regular communication and cooperation between the ministries and other public/private bodies dealing with economic cooperation, including trade and investment, with a view to further promoting dialogue on issues of mutual interest, business cooperation, economic security and resilience, export controls and macroeconomic policies.
12. Both Sides will cooperate to improve the business environment for further expansion of trade and investment, including effort toward early signing and conclusion of the new Tax Convention on which agreement in principle was reached in March 2026.
13. Both Sides will jointly coordinate through regular consultations the further enhancement of their economic cooperation in order to unlock opportunities in the areas of trade, investment, industry, energy, economic security and advanced technologies, on the basis of the Memorandum on Establishing a Framework on Cooperation in Trade and Investment Promotion between the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic signed in Tokyo on 15 July 2025.
14. Both Sides will strengthen cooperation on economic security aspects of critical technologies, recognizing the importance of maintaining and protecting technological leadership and indispensable capabilities. To this end, both Sides will exchange views, as appropriate, on critical technologies that may be subject to technology transfer risks, and will work together on technology transfer risk assessment, mitigating measures and coordinated responses. Both Sides will also promote structured engagement with relevant private-sector stakeholders and technology holders, with a view to preventing unintended leakage of critical

technologies to an actor that may pose risks to security interests, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.

15. Both Sides will encourage cooperation in the field of energy (including nuclear), nanotechnologies, advanced materials, hydrogen and ammonia technologies and quantum technologies, and ICT and semiconductor development and production.
16. Both Sides will support further cooperation between the private sectors, including through the organization of bilateral business forums and missions as well as participation in fairs and conferences, to create a favorable environment for promoting bilateral economic, trade and investment cooperation.
17. Both Sides will encourage closer cooperation between innovative ecosystems of both countries, including collaboration between innovation centers incubators, accelerators, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and startups.
18. Both Sides will continue to make efforts to enhance cooperation in the field of civil aviation and promote people to people exchange to encourage the establishment of direct flights between Japan and the Czech Republic based on the Agreement between Japan and the Czech Republic for Air Services. Both Sides will encourage cooperation in advanced technologies in aviation, including drones, as well as exchange of practice and knowledge of regulatory framework for safe navigation, UAV, U-space, airspace management, testing and access services for drone operators.
19. Both Sides will consider opportunities of enhancing communication in agriculture, including the veterinary field.
20. Both Sides will support cooperation in transport and mobility, including railway and urban transport, smart and clean mobility solutions, as well as strengthening of cooperation in economic, industrial and research projects between the two countries. In the multilateral context, both Sides welcome the Czech Republic's presidency of the International Transport Forum Summit in 2027 and Japan's contribution as Second Vice-Presidency under the Czech Presidency, as well as Japan's Presidency in 2029 with support of the Czech Republic.

Cooperation in the field of Economic Security

21. Both Sides will enhance cooperation to build and strengthen transparent, diversified, secure, sustainable, trustworthy and reliable supply chains in key sectors among trusted partners. In this regard, both Sides express their grave concerns over the use of economic coercion and non-market policies and practices (NMPPs), including arbitrary export restrictions that may lead to supply chain disruptions.

Cooperation in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation

22. Both Sides will continue to hold the meetings of the Czech-Japan Intergovernmental Consultation on Cooperation in the Field of Science and Technology as a platform for cooperative activities in the areas of science, technology, and innovation. This platform remains an important forum for strengthening cooperation in research, development and innovation (R&D&I).
23. Both Sides will explore further opportunities to promote cooperation in research and technology development that will support the priorities of both Governments, including but not limited to the field of ICT, the Internet of Things, quantum technologies and laser technology and laser-based research (using ELI ERIC facilities).
24. Both Sides support institutional, and research cooperation in the field of space activities.
25. Both Sides acknowledge that the open nature of international research cooperation can be exploited and misused by foreign powers with the intention of increasing their own technological, economic, geopolitical and military power. Therefore, strong efforts are necessary to safeguard the open cooperation and research integrity. In this respect, both Sides will promote the exchange of experiences and best practices to enhance research security.

Cooperation in SDGs and Global Issues including Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Environmental Conservation and Protection]

26. Both Sides recall their commitments to SDGs and welcome the voluntary national reviews (VNRs), including Japan's VNR, presented at the 2025 high-level political forum on sustainable development in July.
27. Both Sides reaffirm their commitment to accelerating international disaster risk reduction cooperation in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. They emphasize the critical role of a disaster preparedness approach and the need for investment in people, goods and infrastructure for disaster risk reduction as well as to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.
28. Both Sides will promote cooperation in the field of environmental conservation and protection, and sharing information of environmentally sound technologies. Specifically, both Sides recognize potential for mutual cooperation in areas such as circular economy and waste management, water management, climate change, conservation and protection of nature and biodiversity or sustainable development.

29. Both Sides will make efforts to exchange expertise and scientific know-how in these areas.
30. Both Sides will promote collaboration bilaterally, within the multilateral environmental agreements as well as in the private sector.

Promotion of Cultural, Educational, People-to-People Exchanges, and Tourism

31. Both Sides will continue to make efforts to host cultural exchange events and to encourage tourism.
32. Both Sides will encourage exchange of experience between the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, will seek to promote exchanges within the framework of scholarships programmes implemented by the aforementioned Ministries, to promote direct exchanges of students and researchers between their autonomous higher education institutions by sharing information and contacts to encourage future developments in the area of joint research projects, and to foster cooperation among think tanks.
33. Both Sides will strive to fully utilize the Working Holiday Programme, and express interest in exploring exchanges facilitated by the Erasmus+ Programme with a view to promoting youth mobility between both countries.
34. Both Sides hold – mutually – in high regard for the existing level of cooperation between higher education institutions noting that direct contacts between the universities contribute to promoting quality research and enhancing the quality of education for exchange students.
35. Both Sides will encourage participation in regional-level partnership projects as well as culture and language exchange activities, such as festivals and events, in the areas of culinary arts, intangible cultural heritage, sports and arts, with cooperation of relevant institutions.
36. Both Sides will support cooperation between relevant national, regional, and municipal organizations to improve the quality of tourism environment and infrastructure including exchange of best practices in the areas of destination marketing, professional education and skills, management, sustainability, and mutual participation in sectoral fairs, and thereby promote balanced tourism that prevents overtourism and its negative impacts in both countries.
37. Both Sides will make effort in promoting people-to-people and youth exchanges and cultural and industrial cooperation, and commend also other exchange projects organized by cities and regions in respective countries.

Regional and Global Cooperation

38. Both Sides will support exchanges and practical cooperation as part of the implementation of the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and respective national strategies of Japan and the Czech Republic, as well as the Global Gateway. Joint activities will be considered with a special emphasis on the areas of promotion of effective multilateralism, defense against foreign information manipulation and interference, freedom of navigation, cyber security, economic resilience, security of supply chains and space and digital connectivity. Joint connectivity projects including in third countries under the Global Gateway should be considered.
39. Both Sides reiterate their support for Ukraine fighting against Russia's aggression and will continue to exchange their views on the impacts of the situation in Ukraine on global affairs. In this context, both Sides condemn the increasing military cooperation between Russia and North Korea. Both Sides will cooperate on multidimensional support for Ukraine and its territorial integrity, sovereignty, independence and reconstruction. In global terms, they will promote respect for international law and the principles of the UN Charter.
40. Both Sides will cooperate on the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine in areas such as capacity-building, transport, including urban transport systems and related advanced technologies, smart cities, infrastructure, humanitarian assistance, housing, energy, health care and medical supplies, demining and other relevant areas. Both Sides will also exchange best practices and experience in these areas and will cooperate with active involvement identifying and implementing projects for recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine. Both Sides will further cooperate with research teams and academia, as well as private sector, to play roles in reconstruction of Ukraine.
41. Both Sides reaffirm the importance of upholding freedom of navigation and overflight and pursuing peaceful resolution of maritime disputes in the South China Sea, in accordance with international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Both Sides, recognizing serious concerns, will continue exchanging views on the situation in the East China Sea and the South China Sea, based on the understanding that any unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion should not be tolerated. Both Sides reaffirmed the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan strait and, encourage the peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues through dialogue.
42. Both Sides will continue to exchange views on the situation on the Korean Peninsula. Both Sides express serious concerns over the tests and launches of ballistic missiles by North Korea. Both Sides reiterate the importance that North Korea should fully comply with all relevant UNSC resolutions. Both Sides support international efforts to bring about the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of North Korea in a peaceful manner. Both Sides emphasize the importance of the immediate resolution of the abductions issue.

Nothing in this Action Plan is construed as legally binding commitment. SIGNED in duplicate in Bratislava on 1 September 2026 in the English language.

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