Joint Press Release on the Outcomes of the Japan-Chile Summit Meeting

On November 20, Prime Minister of Japan TAKAICHI Sanae and H.E. Mr. José Antonio KAST Rist, President of the Republic of Chile held a summit meeting in Tokyo on the occasion of President Kast's official working visit to Japan. The two leaders welcomed the signing of a package of documents during this visit, and concurred on the further development of their cooperation in various areas as below.

1. The two leaders welcomed the deepening of bilateral cooperation between Japan and Chile across a wide range of fields, including economy, disaster prevention, astronomy, science and technology, environment, culture and academics, and defense under their strategic partnership. They confirmed their intention to further develop the bilateral relationship towards the 130th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Chile in 2027, building on the longstanding friendship between the two countries. In addition, they appreciated the role played by the Japanese descendant community which has been active across a wide range of fields in Chile as a bridge between the two countries.

2. The two leaders shared the view that maintaining and strengthening a free and open international order based on the rule of law is vitally important to both maritime countries across the Pacific. President Kast highlighted the importance of preserving peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region, recognizing the principles of the Japan's vision of the updated "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)."

3. To achieve economic prosperity with the aim of continuing to expand and diversify trade and investment, the two leaders also highlighted the progress in concrete economic cooperation such as a joint project at a copper mine utilizing Japan's next generation communication technology launched this year. Recognizing the importance of cooperation between Japan and Chile, a major supplier of critical minerals, the two leaders committed to further strengthening bilateral cooperation in this field, including copper, which would contribute to the resilience and stability of global supply chains by ensuring that trade measures are consistent with relevant international agreements.

4. Prime Minister Takaichi welcomed Chile's Choose Chile initiative, aimed at promoting new business opportunities, deepening bilateral trade and investment ties, as well as strengthening partnerships between the private sectors of both countries.

5. The two leaders expressed great satisfaction regarding the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) on the occasion of President Kast's visit to Japan. This Memorandum of Cooperation would further consolidate bilateral cooperation and contribute to the development of a secure and reliable digital infrastructures and ICT solutions, which enhances trusted digital connectivity.

6. The two leaders also reaffirmed the importance of the Antarctic Treaty System and expressed their commitment to deepening bilateral relations on Antarctic matters, particularly through enhanced collaboration in joint scientific research projects, logistical cooperation, and institutional exchanges.

7. The two leaders upheld and advocated a rules-based, free and open international economic order including free trade amid increasingly challenging international circumstances, and reaffirmed their firm determination to further advance cooperation between the two countries in this regard. In this context, they reaffirmed the importance of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), and that the Agreement brings significant benefits to the stability and prosperity of the region and the world. In this regard, they also confirmed their intention to continue working closely together to promote the strategic expansion of the Agreement through the accession process, to update and enhance the Agreement, and to deepen engagement with the European Union

(EU) and ASEAN through trade and investment dialogues, while continuing to uphold the high-standards of the CPTPP.

8. While President Kast appreciated Japan's consistent efforts to ensure peace and development in the international community as a peace-loving nation, the two leaders exchanged views on regional and international issues, and they concurred that fostering the partnership in defense is crucial. In this context, President Kast highlighted Japan's important role in promoting peace, stability, cooperation, and development, both in the region and globally, under the leadership of Prime Minister Takaichi. The steady accumulation of bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges based on the Memorandum of Cooperation signed in August last year was warmly welcomed.

9. Furthermore, the two leaders shared deep concern over North Korea's nuclear and missile programs and malicious cyber activities, confirmed their commitment to the complete denuclearization of North Korea in accordance with relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC), General Assembly (UNGA) and other relevant agencies resolutions and reaffirmed the importance of resolving the abductions issue immediately.

10. The two leaders recognized the importance of upholding the fundamental principles governing the oceans, including freedom of navigation and overflight, the peaceful settlement of disputes, and the protection and preservation of the marine environment, in accordance with international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which sets out the legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out.

11. The two leaders reaffirmed their determination to further deepen the strategic partnership, on the occasion of the upcoming 130th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2027, and to continue strengthening bilateral cooperation as well as trilateral cooperation based on the Japan-Chile Partnership Program (JCPP) 2030, and coordination in the international arena.

12. On the occasion of the joint press announcement, the logo for the 130th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Chile in 2027 was unveiled.