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Joint Press Release

on the Occasion of Japan-Switzerland Summit Meeting

Mr. Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan, and Mr. Joseph Deiss, President of the Swiss Confederation, held a meeting on October 12, 2004, in Tokyo during the visit of Mr. Deiss to Japan. Recalling the 140 years of friendly ties between Japan and Switzerland, the two leaders confirmed the following points:

1. Japan and Switzerland maintain close and friendly relations, based on a mutual commitment to democracy, the rule of law, human rights, the pre-eminence of international law, and the desire to strengthen peace and security by means of peaceful settlement of disputes. Based on these shared values, both countries reiterate their wish to strengthen their cooperation.
2. Japan and Switzerland enjoy a strong and stable trade and investment relationship, as demonstrated by Switzerland's position as seventh in the world in terms of accumulated foreign direct investment to Japan and by the fact that both countries have jointly and constructively addressed many issues in such fora as the World Trade Organization (WTO). Both countries wish to strengthen economic relations by further developing favorable and transparent conditions for bilateral trade as well as for foreign direct investment. Therefore, the Governments of the two countries intend to take the measures described in the attachment in order to facilitate and further promote the investment activities of the private sector. This goal can be achieved by making use of Switzerland's "Location: Switzerland Japan Program" and Japan's "Publicity Program for Foreign Investment in Japan," which has identified Switzerland as a target country for inward investments.
3. Recognizing the importance of science and technology and the two countries' high potential to cope with the challenges that the international community faces in the 21st century, Japan and Switzerland desire to further promote their cooperation in this field. The two countries already enjoy steady cooperation in the field of science and technology, mainly in the fields of life science, nanotechnology/materials, and the environment, and have been playing active

roles under multilateral frameworks. Reaffirming the significance of these activities and aiming for the further and better structured cooperation, the two Governments are to initiate negotiations on an agreement regarding cooperation in science and technology.

4. The two Governments share positions on many international issues:

- On Iraq, they underline the continuing importance of a stable Iraq for the preservation of regional stability. They, therefore, underscore the need for the international community to cooperate in order to assist the Iraqi people in their efforts to shape their future. They also call upon Israel and the Palestinian Authority to respect their obligations under the Road Map and international humanitarian law. Japan welcomes Switzerland's role in ensuring a better respect for the Fourth Geneva Convention in the occupied territories.
- On North Korea, the two Governments express their grave concern over the nuclear issue, and call upon the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to completely dismantle all its nuclear programs subject to international verification and to abide by the Non-Proliferation Treaty and other related international agreements. They emphasize the importance of achieving a comprehensive resolution of all issues, including missile and abduction issues.
- The two Governments also call for strengthening the United Nations, particularly the Security Council by enhancing its effectiveness and credibility. They share the view that the composition of the Security Council should therefore better reflect the geopolitical changes occurred since the establishment of the United Nations.
- Having significantly contributed to the development of international humanitarian law, Switzerland welcomes Japan's recent accession to the Additional Protocols I and II of the Geneva Conventions. Japan also highly values the humanitarian activities of the Swiss-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

ATTACHMENT

Measures for Investment Promotion between Japan and Switzerland

1. Development of Publicity Activities

Both sides will support publicity activities such as symposiums and seminars for the promotion of inward investments organized by their investment bodies or agencies.

2. Enhanced Exchange between Investment Promotion Bodies

Both sides will share their know-how and experiences in investment promotion through strengthening cooperation and exchange of information between their relevant ministries and investment promotion bodies or agencies.

3. Deepening of Economic Dialogue

Both sides will address investment promotion topics and related issues during their periodical bilateral economic consultations of which the next round is scheduled to take place in Switzerland in the course of 2005.

4. Exchange of trainees

Both sides will strive to facilitate the exchange of OJT (On the Job Training) trainees in various fields of both economies, efficiently utilizing existing legal framework.