

The 4th Japan- France Bilateral Consultations on Cybersecurity

- 1.** The 4th Japan-France Bilateral Consultations on Cybersecurity were held in Tokyo, on Tuesday, 12 June 2018.
- 2.** This whole of government meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Masato Otaka, Ambassador in charge of Cyber Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan, and Mr. David Martinon, Ambassador for Digital Affairs, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, with the participation of officials from, on the Japanese side, National Security Secretariat (NSS), National center of Incident readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity (NISC), Cabinet Intelligence and Research Office (CIRO), Public Security Intelligence Agency (PSIA), National Police Agency (NPA), Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Ministry of Defense (MOD), and JPCERT/CC, and on the French side, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Armed Forces, Ministry of Interior, National Cybersecurity Agency (ANSSI), CEA and Pôle d'excellence cyber (PEC) .
- 3.** At this dialogue, the two sides exchanged views on their recent cybersecurity efforts and policy updates. They also discussed issues such as cybersecurity for major events, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games; critical infrastructure protection; cybersecurity for IoT devices; role of private-sector in cybersecurity; capacity building; bilateral consultations with third parties, as well as cooperation in cybersecurity in a regional or multilateral context.
- 4.** Japan and France reaffirmed their commitment to an open, free, fair, and secure cyberspace and the importance of affirmation of the applicability of existing international law to cyberspace, as well as the promotion and implementation of agreed voluntary, non-binding norms of responsible state behavior, confidence building measures and capacity building measures. They also discussed possible

collaboration between the French presidency of the G7 and the Japanese presidency of the G20 on digital issues including cybersecurity. The two sides also reaffirmed to strengthen cooperation, including information sharing, to prevent malicious cyber activities, mitigate their impacts, and identify their causes through appropriate frameworks in accordance with relevant domestic laws and existing international law. Japan welcomed the proposal of France to cooperate with Japan to ensure the cybersecurity of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 and the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024. France invited Japanese officials to visit the PEC, French cybersecurity cluster, in order to strengthen their cooperation in the field of cybersecurity.

5. Japan and France will hold the fifth France-Japan Bilateral Consultations on Cybersecurity in France next year.