

JOINT STATEMENT OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES

We, Prime Minister Abe Shinzo and President Donald J. Trump, confirm and welcome final agreement on the Japan-United States Trade Agreement and the Japan-United States Digital Trade Agreement. We share the desire that these agreements will be signed at the earliest possible date and enter into force in the very near future, following the completion of our respective domestic procedures.

The Japan-United States Trade Agreement will eliminate or reduce tariffs on certain agricultural and industrial products to enhance bilateral trade in a robust, stable, and mutually beneficial manner between our nations, which together account for approximately 30 percent of global gross domestic product. The Japan-United States Digital Trade Agreement establishes high-standard rules in this area, demonstrating the continued leading role that both nations play in global rule-making on digital trade.

With the conclusion of these early achievements, Japan and the United States intend to conclude consultations within 4 months after the date of entry into force of the Japan-United States Trade Agreement and enter into negotiations thereafter in the areas of customs duties and other restrictions on trade, barriers to trade in services and investment, and other issues in order to promote mutually beneficial, fair, and reciprocal trade.

Japan and the United States will faithfully implement the Japan-United States Trade Agreement and the Japan-United States Digital Trade Agreement based on mutual trust. While faithfully implementing these agreements, both nations will refrain from taking measures against the spirit of these agreements and this Joint Statement. In addition, both nations will make efforts for an early solution to other tariff-related issues.

We welcome these achievements as tangible evidence of the strength of the relationship between our two nations.

ABE SHINZO
Prime Minister of Japan

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President of the United States of America

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