

Action Plan for

Cooperation between Japan and the Czech Republic for the period of 2021 – 2025

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic,

recalling the Joint Declaration towards Strategic Partnership between Japan and the Czech Republic, signed in August 2003 in Prague by Prime Ministers KOIZUMI Junichiro and Vladimír ŠPIDLA, and its approaching 20th anniversary in 2023;

recalling the recent 100th anniversary of the relations between both countries;

reaffirming the importance of the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the Partnership on Sustainable Connectivity and Quality Infrastructure between Japan and the EU;

recognizing that the Czech Republic, as a member of the European Union, has transferred some of its competencies to the EU and thus can act in specific areas only within the EU legal system;

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 forthcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 and “the EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan” are promising opportunities to bring people together and contribute to further enhancement of mutual understanding between the people of both countries;

determined to support joint efforts to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences and to work together to strengthen our future resilience;

determined to further expand and strengthen cooperation on global issues of mutual interest, including the SDGs, climate change, terrorism, cybersecurity and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;

recognizing the critical importance of the Indo-Pacific region including the East and South China Seas for global stability and prosperity; and

reaffirming the Strategic Partnership between Japan and the Czech Republic,

have reached common recognition to work together in the following areas:

Political and Security Cooperation

1. Exchange of high-level visits.
2. Holding political consultations on current bilateral, regional and global issues at the level of corresponding high-level officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Czech Republic.
3. Promoting defense and security cooperation and exchanges between the respective authorities, including in the area of cybersecurity.

Economic, Industrial, Technological and Science Cooperation

4. In view of the fact that Japan has become one of the most prominent foreign investors in the Czech Republic (270 Japanese companies with almost 51,000 employees are present in the Czech Republic), cooperation in promoting development of mutual trade and investment, facilitating investment in each other's territory.
5. Dialogues between their relevant ministries and other authorities on trade, investment, business cooperation and macroeconomic policies and trends.
6. Exploring the possibilities of dialogues on the protection of strategic sectors and critical infrastructure, on cybersecurity, and on the promotion of cooperation in the field of science and technology including innovation and modern technologies such as biomedicine, ICT, nanotechnologies or artificial intelligence.
7. In doing above, striving to take advantage of positive economic effects of the Japan-EU EPA.

Cultural, Educational and Tourism Cooperation and People-to-People Exchanges

8. Promotion of cultural cooperation and people-to-people exchanges especially in the academic area including by utilizing existing frameworks.
9. Encouraging efforts made by the relevant ministries and academic institutions to promote learning of the other country's language and culture.
10. Cooperation in the field of culture and tourism, including "the EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan".

Regional and Global Cooperation

11. Active contribution to the implementation of the Japan-EU SPA.
12. Pursuing projects and consultations within the framework of Visegrad Group (V4) + Japan cooperation.
13. Cooperation within the framework of the United Nations, particularly in the field of human rights and the rule of law as well as in the efforts to achieve an early reform of the UN Security Council.
14. Promotion of cooperation in other international organisations and fora.
15. Exchanging views on the situation in North Korea, and cooperation in achieving, by peaceful means, the complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of all North Korea's weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles of all ranges, fully implementing all relevant UN Security Council resolutions, and addressing humanitarian concerns of the international community including the immediate resolution of the abductions issue.
16. Exploring possibilities of mutual co-operation for the development of third countries, particularly in the Western Balkans.
17. Nothing in this Action Plan is construed as legally binding commitment. SIGNED in duplicate in Warsaw on the 7 May 2021 in the English language.

For the Japanese side

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