

# Japan-Ukraine Conference for Promotion of Economic Growth and Reconstruction : Joint Communiqué (Main points)

## Introduction

- ◆ Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen comprehensive cooperation based on the Special Global Partnership.
- ◆ Ukrainian side expressed its deepest condolences to the victims, their families and those who suffered from the recent Noto Peninsula Earthquake.
- ◆ Ukrainian side appreciated Prime Minister Kishida for his strong leadership under the Japanese G7 Presidency.

## Assistance in general

- ◆ Ukrainian side highlighted the importance of Japan's advanced technology and Japan's unique experience in post-war reconstruction and recovery after devastating natural disasters.
- ◆ Both sides underscored importance of the implementation of WPS agenda as well as the needs of children in every phase of the reconstruction to alleviate sufferings of women and children. It is also important to restore the situation where all displaced Ukrainians return to home safely and promptly.
- ◆ Japanese side reconfirmed its readiness to heed the needs of Ukrainian people and actively contribute to the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine, by taking multi-stakeholder approach through engagement of various actors towards the ultimate goal of Ukraine's self-sustaining and sustainable development.
- ◆ Both sides welcomed the LOIs, MOCs and contracts unveiled in the Conference.
- ◆ Both sides instructed their relevant ministries and agencies to follow up on the progress to ensure efficient implementation of the decision reached in the Conference and to promote further cooperation.
- ◆ Ukrainian side expressed its deep gratitude to the Government of Japan and its people for their steadfast support for Ukraine and for provision of the financial humanitarian and technical assistance.
- ◆ Japanese side reaffirmed Japan's commitment to supporting Ukraine and its people in defending its freedom, independence and restoring territorial integrity, as well as to providing the necessary long-term assistance to ensure the stability of Ukraine's economy, with the aim of achieving comprehensive economic development from the primary to tertiary sectors in Ukraine.
- ◆ Japanese side expressed its continued support in all phases of reconstruction starting from the initial emergency recovery assistance phase to economic reconstruction and industrial enhancement and emphasized the importance of creating fundamental basis for recovering energy and transportation infrastructure development assistance as well as anti-corruption and strengthening of governance.
- ◆ Both sides concurred that maintaining and intensifying sanctions against Russia is a crucial and effective measure to deter the Russia's military activities and confirmed their determination to take necessary actions to prevent circumvention of sanctions measures.

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## Particulars

- ◆ Both sides welcomed the signing of the Tax Convention and commencement of negotiations for a review of the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT).
- ◆ Both sides shared the view that it is important to realize bankable projects by making maximum use of financing and guarantees through not only relevant institutions in both countries but also international financial institutions.
- ◆ Ukrainian side appreciated Japan's budget support through the World Bank, as well as Japan's contribution to the EBRD and the IMF/IFC for promoting private sector investment and for providing technical cooperation respectively.
- ◆ Ukrainian side welcomed the MOU between JBIC and the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank to provide two-step loan.
- ◆ Both sides welcomed that NEXI has established new credit lines for overseas investment and export insurance for Ukraine.
- ◆ Both sides concurred on the importance of maintaining the Japan-Ukraine Finance Dialogue and of deepening cooperation between relevant ministries and agencies of the two countries.
- ◆ Ukrainian side underscored the important role of the activities of JICA for the implementation of the economic cooperation projects.
- ◆ Japanese side affirmed Japan's commitment to establishing a representative office of JETRO in Kyiv. Ukrainian side expressed readiness to provide comprehensive support for the establishment of the JETRO office.
- ◆ Japanese side announced the relaxing of visa requirements for nationals of Ukraine.
- ◆ Both sides recognized that both countries have a large potential for further expanding their bilateral partnership in the field of science as well as cultural and people-to-people exchanges.
- ◆ Both sides welcomed the signing of the MOC on the Joint Crediting Mechanism to enhance bilateral cooperation in addressing climate change.
- ◆ Both sides recognized the importance of working with third countries and international organizations to promote economic growth and reconstruction of Ukraine.
- ◆ Both sides confirmed the importance to consolidate the international support for Ukraine by highlighting the deliverables of the Conference in the preparation of the Ukraine Recovery Conference hosted by Germany scheduled for June this year.