

**Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategic Partnership
between
the Government of Japan
and
the Government of the Republic of Poland
for the years 2025-2029**

The Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Poland (Poland) (hereinafter referred to as the “Governments”):

RECALLING the 105th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations which was celebrated in 2024;

RECALLING the intensification of contacts at all levels and close cooperation between the Governments;

RECALLING in particular the milestone decision of the two countries to establish the Strategic Partnership in 2015 and the 10th anniversary of the upgrading of the bilateral relationship to a strategic partnership in 2025;

BEING mindful of the fact that 2027 is the 70th anniversary of the restoration of diplomatic relations between Japan and Poland and that it will be a good opportunity to expand bilateral relations in various fields;

RECOGNIZING the solid ties of friendship between Japan and Poland and the remarkable progress made in the bilateral relations in various areas in recent years;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to the common values and principles, in particular democracy, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms and their willingness to contribute to peace and prosperity of their respective regions and the international community;

EMPHASIZING the importance of the principles of the UN Charter as foundations of the international order based on the rule of law;

RECOGNIZING that the security of Europe and Indo-Pacific is inseparable;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to stand together against Russia’s illegal, unjustifiable, and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine;

CONDEMNING in the strongest terms Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a serious violation of international law, including the UN Charter;

ACKNOWLEDGING the necessity of countering destructive attempts to undermine the existing global legal and political architecture by actions such as Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;

CONDEMNING the increasing military cooperation between Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and Russia and RECOGNIZING that such cooperation negatively impacts security both in the Indo-Pacific and in Europe;

RECOGNIZING that the security environment surrounding the Indo-Pacific region is becoming increasingly severe, including by the advancement of nuclear and missile developments of the DPRK and unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion;

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

RECOGNIZING the need for deepening cooperation between Japan and NATO, particularly in the framework of Individually Tailored Partnership Programme (ITPP) between Japan and NATO for 2023-2026;

EXPRESSING satisfaction with the successful accomplishment of the Action Plan of the strategic partnership between Japan and the Republic of Poland for the Years 2021-2025;

Taking the opportunity of the Japan-Poland Foreign Ministers' meeting in February 2025 to update the current Action Plan before it ends;

HAVE DECIDED to further strengthen the bilateral ties by adopting the following Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategic Partnership and taking the specific actions for the years 2025-2029.

1. Political and Security Cooperation

The Governments will make efforts to:

- a) maintain regular high-level contacts between the two countries;
- b) strengthen the political dialogue on current bilateral, regional and global issues, between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries by holding:

- political consultations at the deputy foreign minister level once in two years; and
 - political consultations at the level of corresponding high-level officials responsible respectively for Europe, Asia, security policy and foreign policy planning – once a year;
- c) deepen dialogue on national security and defense cooperation by:
- maintaining dialogue of the relevant high-level officials;
 - promoting dialogue between the senior officials of ministries of foreign affairs and ministries of defense;
 - exploring the possibility of engagement in multilateral exercises between Japan Self-Defense Forces and the Polish Armed Forces;
- d) explore the possibility of consultations on operational use of space domain;
- e) explore the possibility of a bilateral cyber dialogue with participation of respective ministries and other government institutions coordinated by the ministries of foreign affairs by:
- exploring the possibility of consultations, an exchange of experiences and sharing best practices on cyber and digital issues, including their security aspects and emerging technologies, at the level of directors of respective ministries;
 - exploring the possibility of cooperation and exchange in the area of cybersecurity;
- f) promoting discussion to enhance cooperation on economic resilience and economic security, including building resilient and reliable supply chains, responding to non-market policies and practices, and overcapacity resulting from them, addressing economic coercion and preventing leakage of critical and emerging technology.

2. Economic Cooperation (Infrastructure, Agriculture, Energy, Environment, Science, Technology and Education)

2.1. The Governments will make efforts to deepen and expand bilateral economic cooperation, trade and investments by:

- a) holding regular consultations on economic cooperation established under the Joint Statement of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Minister of Economic Development and Technology of the Republic of Poland, issued during the meeting in Warsaw on May 4, 2023;
- b) promoting development of bilateral business relations between Japanese and Polish entities and improving business environments in both countries, including sharing knowledge about opportunities and benefits stemming from the Japan-EU EPA;

- c) encouraging activities of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH), as well as maintaining existing economic structures, including the Japan-Poland Economic Committee;
- d) improving the business environment in both Japan and Poland, including the conclusion of a social security agreement;
- e) exploring the opportunities for bilateral cooperation aiming at supporting the development of small and medium-sized enterprises;
- f) encouraging for enhancing bilateral cooperation between tax administrations in the field of taxation by sharing knowledge and experiences;
- g) promoting cooperation for the success of Expo 2025 OSAKA, KANSAI, JAPAN as well as leveraging Poland's presence at the exhibition and all planned events in the Polish pavilion to further strengthen and develop Japanese-Polish cooperation in all areas;
- h) cooperating in the area of tourism and enhancing people-to-people exchanges; and
- i) striving for cooperation on the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine – focused on the delivery of the capacity-building assistance and the involvement of the business sector.

2.2 The Governments will encourage deepening cooperation in the field of infrastructure and transport by:

- a) supporting bilateral cooperation in the field of transport and infrastructure;
- b) strengthening cooperation in the field of construction and expansion of high speed railway and conventional railways;
- c) supporting cooperation in the field of development of passenger, freight and intermodal transport;
- d) organizing high level dialogue, workshops and study visits as well as ensuring participation in railway related events, promoting cooperation for the success of TRAKO international railway fair;
- e) promoting direct air connections between Japan and Poland, with particular emphasis on the demands of designated air carriers performing scheduled air services, and enhancing cooperation in the field of aviation, especially at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and
- f) strengthening cooperation in the field of maritime affairs and transport.

2.3. The governments will take steps to maintain and develop cooperation in the field of agriculture by:

- a) facilitating mutual agricultural trade through avoiding unjustified trade barriers by applying science-based control measures with particular focus on food safety, taking into account the existing international standards (e.g. Codex Alimentarius), Japan-EU EPA as well as SPS Agreement of WTO;
- b) increasing regulatory transparency and coordination between the two countries in the area of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary issues; and
- c) developing scientific and research cooperation in the area of agri-food economy, including the implementation of scientific research projects and initiatives as well as sharing experiences and best practices on agri-food economy.

2.4. The governments will seek to enhance cooperation in energy, climate and environmental policy by:

- a) sharing experiences and best practices in the area of climate change mitigation and adaptation, with the emphasis on development of innovative green technologies including CCUS (Carbon dioxide Capture, Utilization and Storage) /carbon recycling as well as green cities;
- b) strengthening cooperation in e-mobility, in line with the Governmental Declaration Driving Change Together - Katowice Partnership for E-Mobility, by enhancing collaboration between corresponding entities in Japan and Poland and facilitating the exchange of expertise, best practices and technologies in the area of clean transport (electricity and hydrogen), leveraging both countries' advancements to support the development and deployment of zero-emission technologies;
- c) enhancing cooperation in the area of scientific research on innovative environmental protection methods, by means of exchange of experiences and best practices in the field of waste management and circular economy;
- d) fostering cooperation on urban policy and smart-cities implementation by exchanging experiences and best practices;
- e) strengthening cooperation under the Memorandum of Cooperation on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy signed on 7th November 2024 between the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Ministry of Industry of the Republic of Poland by building robust and resilient nuclear supply-chain, collaborating on next-generation advanced reactors and developing national nuclear infrastructure;
- f) recognizing research and development cooperation in the field of High Temperature Gas-cooled Reactors (HTGR) between Japan Atomic Energy Agency and the National Centre for Nuclear Research of Poland, under the auspices of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, and Ministry of

Industry, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, and Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland;

g) encouraging cooperation in the field of hydrogen and ammonia technologies by sharing information and experiences and through dissemination of knowledge on creating and developing national hydrogen and ammonia strategies.

2.5. The governments will foster cooperation in the field of healthcare, science and education by:

a) encouraging exchanges of experience between the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland, aiming at strengthening their cooperation, encouraging an exchange of students and researchers as well as promoting a future development of joint research projects;

b) maintaining cooperation related to science and technology between Japan Science and Technology Agency and Poland's National Centre for Research and Development with the view of broadening common research areas;

c) strengthening cooperation to encourage female scientists in the field of science and technology through the Marie Skłodowska Curie Award, which has been held by the Embassy of Poland in Japan and Japan Science and Technology Agency since 2021 with the support of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan and Polish Academy of Sciences, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland;

d) promoting exchanges between universities and other academic institutions;

e) encouraging cooperation in the field of higher education, also by taking advantage of programs offered by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange;

f) promoting cooperation in the field of medicinal products and medical devices;

g) encouraging cooperation in the field of transplant medicine, specifically the process from donor identification to the transplantation of an organ, promotion of altruistic donation programmes;

h) promoting cooperation between relevant Ministries on analyses, evaluation and research, related to transplant medicine on the country level;

i) enhancing bilateral cooperation and experiences exchange on organization of the health system in highly populated countries and facing the challenges of an aging society;

j) establishing relations in the field of health technology assessment and facilitating dialogue between national institutions in Japan and Poland responsible for assessment of health technologies;

- k) promoting exchange of information, guidance, and good practices on health technology assessment for medical innovations, with a focus on telemedicine, robotics and artificial intelligence;
- l) encouraging cooperation between Japanese and Polish institutions in space research area;
- m) promoting the dialogue between the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and the Polish Space Agency (POLSA) with a view to identifying areas of common interests; and
- n) encouraging exchanges of experience between the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan and the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Poland in the field of inclusive and high quality education, attractiveness of teacher's profession and challenges related to IT and AI at school.

3. Cultural and People-to-People Exchanges

The Governments will make efforts to promote cultural and people-to-people exchange on various levels, paying their respects to long traditional cultures of both countries:

- a) promoting exchanges of artists and cultural specialists as well as students and academics of arts universities;
- b) welcoming cooperation and exchange programs in the field of music, particularly having in mind the Chopin International Piano Competition, Hamamatsu International Piano Competition and Karol Szymanowski International Music Competition;
- c) promoting the Washoku (Japanese cuisine) and Kuchnia Polska (Polish cuisine) in each country;
- d) promoting contemporary design (industrial design, applied arts, graphic design, fashion, and architecture) in both countries;
- e) encouraging cooperation between state museums, including in the area of exchange and collaboration in organizing exhibitions;
- f) encouraging the education and the study of each other's language and culture on various levels;
- g) supporting exchanges of young people under the Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Poland on a Working Holiday Scheme to facilitate people-to-people exchanges;
- h) developing exchange programs for representatives of local administrations;
- i) creating a stimulus for regional cooperation between the two countries by sharing information on such possibilities and supporting local authorities in their efforts to build

cooperation;

j) promoting exchanges of athletes, coaches, sport experts and organizers of sport events in order to develop mutual cooperation in the field of sport;

k) promoting intellectual relations and academic exchanges through Japan's Friendship Ties Programs "MIRAI"; and

l) promoting cooperation in the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), including through projects of common interest.

4. Multilateral Cooperation

4.1 The Governments will complement their bilateral relations by:

- a) cooperating closely within the framework of the United Nations system:
 - in the field of strengthening the international order based on the rule of law and human rights, particularly to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms around the world; addressing human rights violations in regions of concern, including North Korea, Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine in the context of Russia's war of aggression and supporting initiatives focused on monitoring and accountability as well as in the efforts to achieve an urgent reform of the UN Security Council to make it more representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable;
 - reiterating the importance of the role of the UN General Assembly in the area of international peace and security, working together to revitalize the UN General Assembly;
- b) conducting closer dialogue within the framework of Japan-European Union cooperation, including on Global Gateway within the G7 Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII);
- c) developing the partnership and cooperation with NATO, including under the Individually Tailored Partnership Programme (ITPP) as well as flagship projects between NATO and partners in the Indo-Pacific region (IP4);
- d) promoting engagement in the works of the Community of Democracies;
- e) seizing the opportunities for regional cooperation stemming from the strategic partnership with Japan within the Three Seas Initiative (3SI); and
- f) pursuing projects within the framework of Visegrad Group (V4) + Japan cooperation.

4.2 The Governments will promote the common values and principles in the international and regional arenas by:

a) firmly opposing Russia's full-scale military aggression against Ukraine, condemning the increasing military cooperation between DPRK and Russia, including DPRK's export and Russia's procurement of North Korean ballistic missiles in violation of UN Security Council resolutions and Russia's use of these missiles against Ukraine, as well as the deployment of DPRK's troops to Russia and their engagement in combat against Ukraine, continuing Japanese-Polish cooperation on multidimensional support for Ukraine, and ensuring their commitment to the principle of inviolability of borders, in particular with regard to the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, and to the non-recognition policy toward illegal annexation of the Ukrainian territory by Russia;

b) reiterating our strong opposition to any unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion in the East and South China Seas, expressing serious concern over actions that could increase regional tensions in the East and South China Seas, and reaffirming the importance of freedom of navigation and pursuing peaceful resolution of maritime disputes in the South China Sea, in accordance with international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);

c) supporting the full implementation and enforcement of multilateral disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control treaties and regimes, by using means at their disposal to assist in resolving proliferation crises, such as in the case of DPRK - urging DPRK to refrain from any provocation, to fully comply with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and to take concrete actions toward the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions, as well as urging DPRK to immediately resolve the abductions issue;

d) promoting cooperation to realize a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP);

e) maintaining regional cooperation, particularly with regard to the Eastern Partnership and other EU-neighboring countries; and

f) confirming our resolve to counter disinformation, in line with shared principles such as freedom of expression and the rule of law.

5. Other important matters

5.1. This Action Plan does not constitute an international agreement between the Governments. Nothing in this Action Plan is regarded as creating legally binding rights or obligations under international law between the Governments.

5.2. Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Action Plan will be resolved amicably through consultations between the Governments.

5.3. Implementation progress of this Action Plan will annually be assessed by the Governments through political consultation.

5.4. This Action Plan will commence on 1 March 2025, and end on 31 December 2029.

5.5. This Action Plan may be modified at any time with the mutual written consent of the Governments.

SIGNED in duplicate in Tokyo, on 28 February 2025, in the English language.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
JAPAN**

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THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**