

Strategic Partnership Framework between Japan and MERCOSUR
Joint Statement by Japan and MERCOSUR

1. Japan and MERCOSUR State Parties reaffirm their friendly relations, based on shared fundamental values, as well as their commitment to an open market economy. They also acknowledge that Japan and MERCOSUR are one of each other's most important economic partners, with a significant potential for deepening and diversifying their economic relations.
2. Guided by their mutual interests and their medium-and long-term objectives, as highlighted in recent meetings of their leaders, Japan and MERCOSUR State Parties have concurred on advancing discussions to strengthen their strategic partnership. With this goal in mind, Japan and MERCOSUR State Parties hereby establish a *Japan-MERCOSUR Strategic Partnership Framework* (hereinafter referred to as "the Framework"). Under the Framework, Japan and MERCOSUR State Parties will strive to bring their cooperation to a higher level, further strengthening strategic relations between Japan and MERCOSUR from a long-term and comprehensive perspective grounded on trade and investment and building on them.
3. The Framework will address cooperation on the economic sphere, including trade, investment, supply chain resilience, the digital economy, energy transition and green transformation, as well as other areas of mutual interest.

Strengthening the Future-Oriented and Trust-Based Relationship

4. The Framework will provide a solid basis to further strengthen the future-oriented and trust-based economic relationship between Japan and MERCOSUR, to further develop their trade and investment ties. They reiterate their willingness to work together in these areas to promote global peace, stability and prosperity.
5. In this regard, Japan and MERCOSUR State Parties commit to exploring ways to implement the Framework in the most effective manner, including by advancing discussions with a view to exchanging ideas for materializing further tangible steps for future economic partnership, covering both trade and investment.