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Joint Statement

of the Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
of Japan
and the State Secretary to Minister for Energy, Business and Industry,
Ministry of Climate and Enterprise of the Kingdom of Sweden
on Economic Cooperation

On February 5, 2026, the Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI), Mr. Takehiro MATSUO and the State Secretary to Minister for Energy, Business and Industry, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise of the Kingdom of Sweden, Ms. Sara Modig (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participants”), met with the Japanese business sector participating in the Dual-use and Deep Tech Business Forum in Stockholm, Sweden, to discuss cooperation in dual-use and advanced technology fields.

1. Recognizing the critical importance of dual-use and advanced technologies for economic growth, as well as for accelerating innovation and enhancing supply chain resilience amid the current global economic and security environment, participants encourage cooperation among private sectors in wide-ranging areas, including in defense industries.
2. The Participants welcomed the Dual-use and Deep Tech Business Forum with the participation of more than 60 companies and organizations from both countries, and reaffirmed the importance of strengthening the bilateral cooperation, recalling the Joint Statement on the Strategic Partnership between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Memorandum of Cooperation regarding Energy and Innovation Cooperation, which was established on December 4, 2024,.
3. The Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement and the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement provide the basis for the Strategic Partnership between Japan and Sweden to further intensify economic and political cooperation, including in the bilateral context between Japan and Sweden. Taking into account mutual priorities and the changing international political and security environment, the participants recognized the importance of promoting cooperation in the dual-use and advanced technology fields in line with the Japan-EU Competitiveness Alliance, which encourages the industrial societies of both the EU and Japan to launch the Japan-EU Defense Industry Dialogue, which will serve as a platform to promote collaboration on defense industry including advanced and dual-use technologies between Japan and the EU.

4. Noting that the security of the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific regions is interconnected, the Participants recognized that the strengthening the defense industrial cooperation between NATO and Japan is a shared priority, in line with the Joint Statement by H.E. Mr. Ishiba Shigeru, then Prime Minister of Japan and H.E. Mark Rutte, Nato Secretary General issued on April 9, 2025.

5. The Participants reaffirmed the necessity and ample potential of collaboration between the two countries in the fields of dual-use and advanced technologies, recognizing technological strength and advancement in both countries, and confirmed their commitment to further advancing cooperation as well as to fostering innovation. This will be explored by both countries, including through available support from the Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI) and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) for commercialization projects and other sources of funds where appropriate. The Participants will also provide support including through facilitating information exchange, providing business-matching opportunities through relevant organizations, including the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Business Sweden. The Participants also acknowledge the support of development of advanced technologies in both countries, including the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) and the Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (Vinnova).

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