

**Joint Media Statement of the 2nd Mekong-Japan Economic Ministers' Meeting
Da Nang, Viet Nam; August 26, 2010**

1. The 2nd Mekong-Japan Economic Ministers' Meeting was held in Da Nang, Viet Nam on 26 August, 2010. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Vo Hong Phuc, Minister of Planning and Investment, Vietnam, and H.E. Masayuki Naoshima, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan. The Meeting was attended by H.E. Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce, Cambodia, H.E. Masayuki Naoshima, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan, H.E. Nam Viyaketh, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR, H.E. U Soe Tha, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, Myanmar, H.E. Satit Wongnongtaey, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office, Thailand and H.E. Vo Hong Phuc, Minister of Planning and Investment, Vietnam.

 2. The Ministers welcomed the "Business Recommendations on the Mekong-Japan Economic and Industrial Cooperation Initiative (MJ-CI) Action Plan", which was reported in the Mekong-Japan Industry and Government Dialogue on 25 August, 2010.

 3. The Ministers discussed and reviewed the "Mekong-Japan Economic and Industrial Cooperation Initiative (MJ-CI) Action Plan", which indicates actual measures for development of hard infrastructure, trade facilitation, enhancement of SMEs, and enhancement of the service and new industrial sectors, based on the "Business Recommendations on the MJ-CI Action Plan". The Ministers also agreed that the "MJ-CI Action Plan" should be implemented in coordination and discussion with the AEM-METI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee's Working Group on West-East Corridor Development (AMEICC WEC-WG) in cooperation with businesses, in close coordination with respective government agencies.

 4. The Ministers endorsed that the "MJ-CI Action Plan" should be submitted to the Leaders at the forthcoming Mekong-Japan Summit to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam on 29 October, 2010 for the adoption. The Ministers confirmed that the progress report on the implementation of the "MJ-CI Action Plan" should be submitted to the Mekong-Japan Economic Ministers every 6 months up to the next Mekong-Japan Economic Ministers' Meeting in 2011, where this mechanism and the "MJ-CI Action Plan" will be reviewed.
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1. H.E. Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce, Cambodia
2. H.E. Masayuki Naoshima, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan
3. H.E. Nam Viyaketh, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR
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