

**Joint press release by Minister Hiroshige Seko, Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry and Minister Bruno Le Maire, French Minister for Economy and Finance.**

On 2nd September, 2019, both Ministers exchanged views and shared information about the latest situation about the Alliance formed between Renault and Nissan. They reaffirmed the strong support of both the French and the Japanese Governments to the Alliance formed between Renault and Nissan and encouraged both companies' sincere discussion to enhance competitiveness of the Alliance and their shared wish to maintain and reinforce this winning cooperation, as originally communicated in a joint press release on 10th June, 2019. In addition, both governments agreed to establish a policy dialogue on the following five agenda, aimed at sharing information, supporting significant transformations of the environment of the automotive industry, and exchanging opinions concerning the possibility of further cooperation between Japan and France in industrial policy for the automotive industry.

1. Automated/autonomous driving
2. Automotive battery supply chain
3. Electrified vehicle policy and charging infrastructure installation
4. FCV/Hydrogen society
5. Enhancing small and medium-sized supplier

Since June, technical experts on both sides have been working together to deliver the objectives set out above. A memorandum of cooperation has now been agreed and sets the frame work for the continued discussion between both parties.