

**Cooperation Framework on Industrial Development
Between
The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan
and
The Ministry of Industry of the Kingdom of Thailand**

Based on the bilateral friendship between Japan and the Kingdom of Thailand, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan and the Ministry of Industry (MIND) of the Kingdom of Thailand (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Both Sides”) underscore the importance of bilateral cooperation on industrial development, in particular, such cooperation as maintaining and strengthening Thailand’s competitiveness as a production and export hub of next generation automobile industry, which was discussed at the summit meeting on 17th December 2023.

In this regard, on February 8, 2024, Mr. Saito Ken, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, and Ms. Pimphattra Wichaikul, Minister of Industry of the Kingdom of Thailand, (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Ministers”) exchanged the written version of this Cooperation Framework with a view to accelerating bilateral cooperation in the industry field.

The Ministers recognize there are some important areas for upgrading manufacturing in Thailand as below and will work together on various topics with related organizations in order to advance bilateral cooperation. In particular, specific emphasis will be put on the following areas.

- (a) Developing human resources for the manufacturing industry
- (b) Decarbonization including manufacturing processes and industrial parks of manufacturing industries
- (c) Strengthening the supply chain resilience of the manufacturing industry including promoting ELV (end-of-life vehicle) measures
- (d) Study for the utilization / development of next generation energy for automobiles

The Ministers exchanged the duplicate version of this Cooperation Framework in English in Tokyo, Japan, on February 8, 2024.