

Joint Statement

of the Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
of Japan
and the Minister of Economic Affairs of the Republic of Finland
on Economic Cooperation

On February 2, 2026, the Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI), Mr. Takehiro MATSUO and the Minister of Economic Affairs of the Republic of Finland, Mr. Sakari PUISTO (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participants”), met with the Japanese business sector participating in the Dual-use and Deep Tech Business Forum in Helsinki, Finland, 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, the Participants encourage cooperation among private sectors in wide-ranging areas, including in defense industries.
2. In this context, the Participants welcomed the participation of more than 80 companies and organizations from both countries in the forum and reaffirmed the importance of strengthening bilateral economic cooperation, recalling the Joint statement on Reinforced Cooperation in the Future between Japan and the Republic of Finland issued on June 11, 2025, as well as the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement which entered into force on January 1, 2025. Taking into account the current mutual priorities and geopolitical situation, the Participants recognized the importance of promoting cooperation in the dual-use and advanced technology fields and wider trade, industrial policy and economic security, including on export control policies and on supply chain security and resilience, in line with the Japan-EU Competitiveness Alliance and 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.
3. The Participants reaffirmed the necessity and ample potential of collaboration between the two countries in these areas, recognizing technological strength and advancement in both countries, and confirmed their commitment to further advancing cooperation and 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 to each other including through facilitating information exchange, providing business-matching opportunities through relevant organizations, including the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Business Finland. The Participants also acknowledge the funding opportunities for advanced technologies supported by both countries, including the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) and Business Finland.

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