

**MEMORANDUM
ON ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK ON COOPERATION
IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, TRADE AND INDUSTRY
OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participants” and individually as the “Participant”);

Considering their mutual interest in developing and deepening cooperation in trade, investment, industry, energy and services between Japan and the Czech Republic based on the principle of mutual benefits;

Acknowledging the longstanding friendly relations between Japan and the Czech Republic;

Acknowledging the importance of the Joint Declaration towards Strategic Partnership between Japan and the Czech Republic, signed in August 2003 in Prague;

Taking into account the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and Japan, on the other part (SPA) and the Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership (EPA), both signed in Tokyo on 17 July 2018;

Aspiring to facilitate cooperation with a view to enhance the conditions for economic development, stability and prosperity that are grounded in resilience, sustainability, security and inclusiveness;

Taking into consideration the importance of establishing a stable and resilient supply chains and diversified energy resources;

Especially recognizing that an open, complex and highly connected global economy which is vulnerable to global crises including, but not limited to supply chain disruptions, energy security threats and climate change requires a coordinated global response;

Taking into account of membership of the Czech Republic in the European Union and limitation arising from it;

Especially recognizing that bilateral and multilateral trade cooperation is critical for avoiding and mitigating global risks as well as building a safe, resilient, green and healthy economic system;

Further cognizant of the benefits accrued through fostering an open and predictable environment for trade, investment and business in all areas of cooperation;

Recognizing the essential role of private investment in furthering growth, expanding trade, developing technology and enhancing economic development;

Taking into account the membership of the two countries in the World Trade Organization (WTO) without prejudice to each country's rights and obligations, where applicable, under the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the WTO and the agreements, understandings and other instruments, relating thereto or concluded under the auspices of the WTO;

Have reached the following common view:

Paragraph 1

The Participants are willing, in framework of their competences, to facilitate cooperation including, but not limited to, in the areas of trade, investment, industry, energy, supply chains, economic security in pursuit of promoting mutual economic cooperation based upon the rules-based multilateral trading system, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

Paragraph 2

Forms of cooperation under this Memorandum may include:

- (a) supporting joint projects of mutual interest among business communities and companies;
- (b) encouraging voluntary cooperation between specialized entities and companies and exchanges of experts, scientists and technicians in the areas of cooperation referred to in Paragraph 1;
- (c) facilitating economic collaboration between two countries in sectors of mutual interest, including enhancing economic security;
- (d) encouraging the participation of companies and individuals of the two countries in international fairs and exhibitions held in the territories of the two countries as well as exchanges of commercial delegations;
- (e) holding economic consultations between their designated representatives;
- (f) any other forms of cooperation that may be jointly decided upon by the Participants.

Paragraph 3

1. This Memorandum does not constitute a treaty nor agreement under international law and does not create any rights or obligations for the Participants.
2. The Participants share the view that this Memorandum, due to its non-binding nature, will be without prejudice to the domestic laws and regulations of either country or the rights and obligations of either country under any agreement to which it is a party, including SPA and EPA.
3. The scope of cooperation under this Memorandum is limited to the competence of the Participants, is without prejudice to the functions of other ministries of the two countries and is not legally binding.
4. Cooperation under this Memorandum will be carried out within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of the two countries as well as the availability of appropriate funds and personnel of the Participants.

Paragraph 4

Cooperation under this Memorandum may commence on the date of its signature.

SIGNED in Tokyo on 15 July 2025 in duplicate in the English language.

For the Ministry of Economy, Trade,
and Industry of Japan

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