

Joint Statement
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Having concluded discussions in Tokyo on 28 and 29 May 2025, the Delegations from the National Diet of Japan and the European Parliament to the 42nd Japan-EU Interparliamentary Conference issue the following joint statement:

1. Reaffirmation of shared values

- The Delegations reaffirm the importance of Japan and the EU firmly maintaining the basic values of respect for human rights, freedom, democracy, and the rule of law as partners sharing these principles.

2. Maintenance of a stable international order and promotion of world peace

- The Delegations share the understanding that maintaining a stable international order and promoting world peace is essential in an increasingly complex global situation.
- We strongly urge that the rule of law based international order be maintained in addressing challenges facing the international community, including Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and rising tensions in the Middle East and Asia.
- We stress the significance of further deepening the strategic partnership between Japan and the EU and working together to build a stable international order.

3. Maintenance of free trade and deepening of economic cooperation

- The Delegations reaffirm that maintaining and advancing the rules-based free and fair trading system will be critical to sustained economic growth and world prosperity.
- We affirm the importance of pursuing effective implementation of the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement and continuing to work closely together toward the further deepening of economic relations.

4. Promotion of inter-parliamentary exchange

- The Delegations resolve to continue to promote inter-parliamentary exchange through dialogue and cooperation on items of mutual interest, in keeping with the provisions of Article 1, paragraph (3) of the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement, which officially entered into force in January this year.

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