

# JAPAN-FRANCE SUMMIT MEETING AND LUNCHEON MEETING

ON July 24, Mr. Suga Yoshihide, Prime Minister of Japan, held a Japan-France summit meeting with H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, who is visiting Japan to attend the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympic Games, followed by a one-on-one luncheon meeting. The overview of the meetings is as follows. On the occasion of this summit meeting, the two leaders issued a joint statement.

At the outset, Prime Minister Suga welcomed President Macron's visit to Japan for the first time in two years, and expressed his gratitude for President Macron's prompt announcement of his support for and attendance at the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. In response, President Macron stated that yesterday's opening ceremony was wonderful and that he was confident that the Tokyo Games would be a success.

Prime Minister Suga stated that he was delighted to see the progress on concrete cooperation between Japan and France toward a free and open Indo-Pacific, including the joint exercise during the visit by the French training fleet "Jeanne d'Arc" to Japan in May of this year, and expressed his intention to continue to strengthen cooperation. In response, President Macron expressed his will to continue working closely together with Japan in the Indo-Pacific region.

Regarding bilateral economic relations, the two leaders welcomed the progress in business-to-business cooperation between Japan and France. They shared the view to deepen cooperation in areas including the environment, digital, and strengthening the resilience of supply chain through the Japan-France Industrial Cooperation Committee. Prime Minister Suga also asked for France's cooperation in removing the EU's import restrictions on Japanese food products.

The two leaders also exchanged views on cooperation concerning global issues such as climate change, biodiversity, and development in Africa. They concurred to work together to carry the achievements of the G7 Cornwall Summit in June to the G20 Summit to be held in Italy this October.

The two leaders exchanged views on responses to regional situations, including China, and concurred that Japan and France would work closely together. They also shared their serious concerns about the situation surrounding Hong Kong and the human rights situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.



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