

## **Bilateral Talks**

### **US: Catherine A. NOVELLI, Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Department of State**

- Confirmed the importance of Internet infrastructure for economic growth.
- Recognized the importance of developing quality broadband infrastructure in developing countries, and agreed to promote cooperation aimed at bridging the digital divide.
- Agreed to endeavor to pass on the outcomes of the G7 to the G20, and to cooperate at the G7 to keep discussions at the G20 from regressing.

### **UK: Ed VAIZEY, Minister of State for Culture and the Digital Economy**

- Agreed that the Japanese and UK governments would, for the sake of contributing to growth of the world economy through innovation based on the Internet of Things (IoT), work together for collaboration among private-sector organizations promoting IoT, and accelerate coordination at the working level for that cooperation to occur at an early stage.  
The UK mentioned standardization, IoT security and smart cities as examples of areas of cooperation.

### **Andrus ANSIP, Vice-President of the European Commission**

- Agreed to further strengthen collaboration based on past cooperative relations between Japan and the EU, aimed at the development, practical application and dissemination of new technologies for an IoT society. Especially welcomed that new cooperation had started in the area of ICT robots.