

The proposal from U.S.-Japan Internet Economy Private Working Group

For the past decade, the Japanese and US business communities have discussed such matters as cross-border data flows, balancing the use and protection of personal information, and cybersecurity from a global perspective. Since 2012, the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) and Keidanren, backed up by other industrial organizations, have jointly publicized industry views on those policy issues to both governments. Due to those efforts, the collaboration between Japan and the US has been dramatically progressed. Taking this opportunity, the business communities of the two countries would like to suggest that the government of Japan and the US discuss several policy topics in order to enhance the U.S.-Japan partnership in the area of digital economy, looking ahead to next ten years.

Below are the lists of possible agenda that the business communities suggest for the future U.S.-Japan Internet Economy Dialogue. We hope the government of Japan and US would develop an argument to increase U.S.-Japan cooperation based on our suggestion.

1. Re-affirmation of U.S.-Japan partnership on digital economy policy and technology implementation (bilateral collaboration)
 - a. Promotion of Innovation
 - b. Acceleration of digital transformation (DX) and eliminating barriers to DX (e.g., barriers to paperless activities) in the Post-Covid New Normal
 - c. Interoperability and coordination mechanisms for accelerating 5G deployment and beyond 5G technologies
 - d. Sharing of the best practice of data flow and usage of data and policies securing US and Japan cross-border data flow
 - e. Harmonization of bilaterally interoperable frameworks to implement respective digital platforms/ICT regulations
 - f. Enhancement of workforce development strategies and best practices to realize AI implementations and the AI-Data Economy
 - g. Cooperation on secure cloud service/architecture/infrastructure and standards

2. Leverage U.S.-Japan Partnership to other regions and international fora (regional and global outreach of our collaboration)
 - a. Contribution of digital technology to the regional and global economy with and after Covid-19
 - b. Promotion of DFFT and its impact on the regional and global economy
 - c. Enhance leadership to deliver digital education and recurrent training for upcoming AI society
 - d. Promotion of CBPR from APEC and its outreach to non-APEC economies to interoperate with GDPR
 - e. Support on APEC discussions in Digital Economy including high quality infrastructure, cyber security, regional digital trade and Artificial Intelligence
 - f. Support on OECD discussions about the new atmosphere setting in the digital economy including review of the privacy guidelines, Artificial Intelligence and enhancing access to and sharing of data
 - g. Coordination in international organizations and initiatives, including WTO, USMCA, US-JP Trade Agreement and TPP to renew digital policy agenda
 - h. Addressing the fragmentation of the Internet by collaboration at ITU and Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
 - i. Collaboration on bilateral assistance of finance/technology development/ tech implementation in the Indo-Pacific region