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Ms. Sanae Takaichi, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, visited Malaysia from January 16 through 18, 2017.

During her visit, she held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Salleh Said Keruak, Minister of Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia, confirmed the further promotion of cooperation between the both countries in the field of information and communications, signed a memorandum of cooperation (MoC) in the field of information and communications, and conducted site visits.

1. Meeting with Minister of Communications and Multimedia

Minister Takaichi and Minister Salleh held the meeting at the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia. From the perspective of further strengthening the relationship between the two countries in 2017, a commemorative year in which Japan and Malaysia mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, both Ministers confirmed the further promotion of cooperation between both countries in the field of information and communications. The cooperation includes ICT for disaster management, cybersecurity, mobile digital wallet, broadcasting content, 5G, and the Internet of things (IoT).



(Photo: meeting with H.E. Mr. Salleh Said Keruak, Minister of Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia)

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2. Signing of MoC in the Field of Information and Communications

Following the meeting as mentioned in 1., both Ministers signed the MoC in the field of information and communications between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) and the Government of Malaysia (about the outline of the MoC, please refer to the attached sheet). It is expected that the MoC will further promote the cooperation of both countries in the entire field of information and communications.

The MoC was signed this time as a result of being referred to it at the Japan-Malaysia Summit Meeting (November 16, 2016).



(Photo: signing of MoC in the Field of Information and Communications)

3. Site Visits

(1) Minister Takaichi visited ISETAN The Japan Store, which opened in October last year to send out excellent Japanese items to the world, and observed the store's activities, including its Japanese product promotional activities linking with programs co-produced by Japanese and Malaysian broadcasting companies under a project of MIC.

(2) Minister Takaichi visited a Japanese enterprise's data center in operation in the Cyberjaya area (a special ICT industrial district), where the risk of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods is low.

(3) Minister Takaichi visited a Japanese cemetery and paid floral tribute to the memorial tower in the cemetery in Kuala Lumpur.



(Photo: site visit of ISETAN The Japan Store)

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(Attached sheet)

The fields of cooperation on Memorandum between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and the Government of Malaysia on cooperation in the field of information and communications (Outline)

(a) Broadcasting sector

(i) The exchange of information on policy and regulatory matters

(ii) The promotion of co-operation in the field of broadcasting productions and other related activities such as the following:

- co-production in broadcasting productions including digital content;
- exchange of experts;
- participation in broadcasting festivals;
- co-operation in digital related system and advanced services

(b) ICT sector

(Including ICT for Disaster Management (ICT4DM), ICT aspect of Cybersecurity, Mobile Digital Wallet, 5G, Internet of Things (IoT))

(i) The exchange of information on policy and regulatory matters;

(ii) The promotion of industry collaboration between the Participants;

(iii) The promotion of technical co-operation between the Participants, such as the following:

- technical standardization at international organizations;
- human resource development and exchange of experts

Results of the Visit of Megumi Kaneko, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, to the Republic of Union of Myanmar

Megumi Kaneko, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, visited Republic of the Union of Myanmar (hereinafter referred to as “Myanmar”) from Monday, January 16 through Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko held the meeting with H.E. U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Transport and Communications (responsible for posts and communications), and H.E. Dr. Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information (responsible for broadcasting). Furthermore, she held a press conference with local media and explained Japan’s efforts in the fields of communications, broadcasting, and postal services in Myanmar.

1. Program Itinerary

(1) Tuesday, January 17: Yangon

- a) Site visit to the Network Management Center of the Myanmar Posts Telecommunications (MPT)
- b) Site visit to Yangon General Post Office
- c) Press conference with local media
- d) Visit to the Thilawa Special Economic Zone

(2) Wednesday, January 18: Naypyidaw

- a) Meeting with H.E. U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Transport and Communications
- b) Meeting with H.E. Dr. Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information
- c) Visit of ICT human resource development training

2. Outline of Results

(1) Meeting with H.E. U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Transport and Communications

Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko exchanged opinions on the progress of Japan’s cooperative activities in Myanmar. These activities include Japan’s cooperation in the communications services of Myanmar’s telecommunications operators, improvements in communications infrastructure through official development assistance (ODA), support for ICT human resource development, and cooperation in the postal field, and confirmed the enhancement of the cooperative relationship between both countries in the future.

(2) Meeting with H.E. Dr. Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information

Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko exchanged opinions on the progress of Japan’s cooperative activities, including its cooperation in the capacity reinforcement of Myanmar Radio and Television and the co-production of broadcasting contents by broadcasting stations of both countries, and confirmed the enhancement of the cooperative relationship between the countries in the future.

(3) Press Conference with Local Media

Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko explained Japan’s efforts in the fields of communications, broadcasting, and postal services in Myanmar and endeavored to encourage the people of Myanmar to understand the current situation of Japan's cooperation and the expected future image.

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(Photo: Meeting with H.E. U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Transport and Communications)



(Photo: Meeting with H.E. Dr. Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information)

(4) Other Activities, including Site Visits

Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko visited ICT human resource development training being implemented under a project of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), encouraged the training participants of the Government of Myanmar, and told Japan's expectation of ICT capacity improvements in the Government of Myanmar in the future. Furthermore, Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko visited the Yangon General Post Office, where Japan dispatched experts to provide technical guidance as ODA technical cooperation, encouraged the post office staff, and promoted the awareness raising of the people of Myanmar to utilize mail and domestic post offices.

In addition, she made site visits to the Network Management Center of the MPT and the Thilawa Special Economic Zone and exchanged views, including those on current situations in Myanmar.

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