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Results of the Visit of Jiro Akama, State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, to the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of Thailand

Jiro Akama, State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications visited the Republic of Indonesia (hereinafter referred to as “Indonesia”) and the Kingdom of Thailand (hereinafter referred to as “Thailand”) from May 1 through May 5, 2017, to promote cooperation in the ICT field and to support the overseas expansion of Japanese companies.

1. Main Agenda and Items during His Stay in Indonesia

In this visit, he attended the fifth meeting of the Japan-Indonesia ICT Joint Working Group, witnessed the signing of a document, and held talks with the Minister for Communication and Information Technology and the Head of National Development Planning Agency.

(1) Fifth Meeting of Japan-Indonesia ICT Joint Working Group

State Minister Akama encouraged MCIT of Indonesia to adopt and spread ICT solutions in Indonesia. These ICT solutions were introduced by Japanese companies that accompanied him.

Furthermore, he confirmed that the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) of Japan and MCIT of Indonesia highly evaluated the excellent progress of the joint project in “The Cooperation Packages for Cooperation in the Information and Communications Field”, which was agreed upon by MIC and MCIT in September 2015. He also confirmed that MIC and MCIT would continue promoting their cooperation in the ICT field, and a document was signed in the presence of him.

(2) Talks with H.E. Mr. Rudiantara, Minister for Communication and Information Technology

State Minister Akama exchanged views on cooperation in the field of ICT, including its cooperation in the reform of Indonesian public television broadcasting, broadcast contents, and the bridging of the digital divide, and agreed on the reinforcement of a cooperative relationship for the future.

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(3) Talks with H.E. Professor Dr. Bambang P.S Brodjonegoro, Minister of the National Development Planning and Head of the National Development Planning Agency

State Minister Akama exchanged views on cooperation in the reform of the Indonesian public television broadcasting and in the ICT field and agreed on the reinforcement of cooperative relationship for the future.

(Reference) Japan-Indonesia ICT Joint Working Group

MIC and MCIT agreed on the establishment of the Japan-Indonesia ICT Joint Working Group in April 2013. Five meetings, including the meeting this time, were held from August 2013.

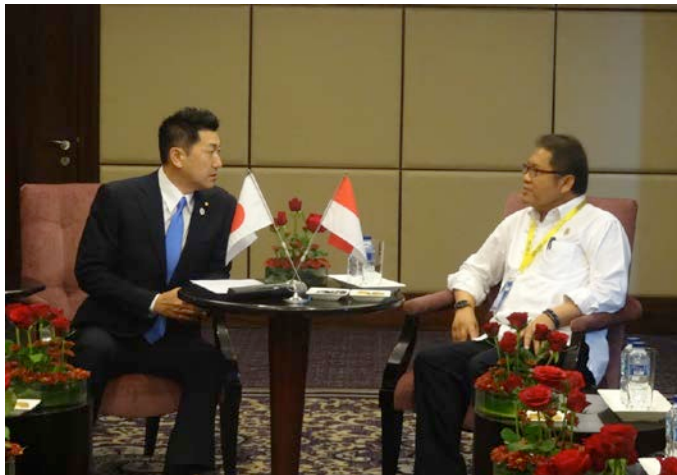


Photo: Talking with H.E. Mr. Rudiantara, Minister for Communication and Information Technology



Photo: Witnessing the signing of Document on their cooperation of ICT Joint Working Group

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2. Main Agenda and Items during His Stay in Thailand

In this visit, he held talks with the Minister of Digital Economy and Society, the Vice-Chair of National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission, and the Secretary General of Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, and attended the Japan Wireless EXPO in Thailand.

(1) Talks with H.E. Dr. Pichet Durongkaveroj, Minister of Digital Economy and Society

State Minister Akama expressed his gratitude for Thailand's cooperation in holding the Japan Wireless EXPO in Thailand, exchanged views on cooperation in the postal service and cybersecurity, and agreed on the reinforcement of cooperative relationship for the future.

(2) Talks with Dr. Natee Sunkonrat, Vice-Chair of National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission

State Minister Akama expressed his gratitude for Thailand's cooperation in holding the Japan Wireless EXPO in Thailand, exchanged views on cooperation in the next-generation mobile communications system, next-generation broadcasting, broadcast contents, and cybersecurity, and agreed on the reinforcement of cooperative relationship for the future.

(3) Talks with Ms. Areewan Haorangi, Secretary General of Asia-Pacific Telecommunity

State Minister Akama exchanged views on Japan's contribution to standardization and other activities in the ICT field in the Asia-Pacific region and expressed that Japan would continue promoting its cooperation in the activities of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

(4) Attendance at Japan Wireless EXPO in Thailand

State Minister Akama attended the Japan Wireless EXPO in Thailand and delivered a speech on behalf of MIC, the organizer. In his speech, he explained the superiority of Japan's wireless systems and encouraged Thailand and other ASEAN countries to introduce them. He also visited the exhibition booth of each Japanese company.



Photo: Talking with Dr. Natee Sunkonrat, Vice-Chair of National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission

Results of the Visit of Megumi Kaneko, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, to the Republic of El Salvador and the Republic of Nicaragua

Megumi Kaneko, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, visited the Republic of El Salvador (hereinafter referred to as “El Salvador”) and the Republic of Nicaragua (hereinafter referred to as “Nicaragua”) from May 1 through May 5, 2017. Both countries are using the Japanese-Brazilian digital terrestrial TV broadcasting system (hereinafter referred to as “the ISDB-T system”) for their terrestrial digital television broadcasting.

On May 2, she signed a memorandum of cooperation on terrestrial digital broadcasting with Ms. Blanca Noemi Coto Estrada, General Superintendent of Electricity and Telecommunications of El Salvador. On May 3, she held talks with Mr. Orlando Castillo, Director General of the Institute of Telecommunications and Mail of Nicaragua, and agreed to promote Japan’s cooperation in terrestrial digital test broadcasting.

On the basis of this visit, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) will continue cooperating in the smooth introduction of the ISDB-T system in both countries. The main contents of her visit are described below.

1. Main Agenda and Items during Her Stay in El Salvador

(1) Talks with Ms. Blanca Noemi Coto Estrada, General Superintendent of Electricity and Telecommunications of El Salvador

On May 2, Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko held talks with General Superintendent Coto and agreed to promote the collaboration of both countries toward the smooth introduction of the ISDB-T system and information exchange in the ICT field.

(2) Signing of the memorandum of cooperation on terrestrial digital cooperation

On May 2, Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko signed a memorandum of cooperation (MoC) with Superintendent Coto on Japanese-Brazilian terrestrial digital cooperation with El Salvador. This MoC includes both countries’ cooperation in the implementation of seminars for government officials and broadcasters and the human resources development through dispatching experts. MIC will support the smooth introduction of the ISDB-T system into El Salvador.



Photo: Talking with H.E. Ms. Blanca Noemi Coto Estrada, General Superintendent of Electricity and Telecommunications of El Salvador

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Photo: Signing of MoC on terrestrial digital cooperation

2. Main Agenda and Items during Her Stay in Nicaragua

- (1) Talks with Mr. Orlando Castillo, Director General of the Institute of Telecommunications and Mail
Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko held talks with Director General Castillo and agreed to promote cooperation on test broadcasting for the smooth introduction of ISDB-T system in Nicaragua.
- (2) Visit to Nicaraguan National Broadcasting Facilities
Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko visited the national broadcasting facilities of Nicaragua and exchanged views on the future digitalization of broadcasts in Nicaragua.



Photo: Talks with H.E. Mr. Orlando Castillo Director General of the Institute of Telecommunications and Mail