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Results of Visit of H.E. Sanae Takaichi, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, to Thailand

H.E. Sanae Takaichi, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, visited the Kingdom of Thailand from April 29 to May 2, 2015.

During this visit, she signed a Joint Statement on Cooperation on Information and Communication Technology, and issued a Joint Press Statement on Cooperation in the Fields of Communications and Broadcasting.

Furthermore, she paid a courtesy call to H.E. Prayuth Chan-ocha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, and held talks with H.E. Pornchai Rujiprapa, Minister of Information and Communication Technology (MICT), Mr. Thares Punsri, Chairman of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), and Ms. Areewan Haorangsi, Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), and agreed to strengthen the further cooperation between Japan and Thailand.

In addition, Minister Takaichi held a Japan-Thailand ICT public-private business dialogue and other meetings to promote the mutual understanding of Japanese and Thailand stakeholders and construct a concrete cooperative relationship between the countries..

Overview of visit

On April 30, Minister Takaichi signed the Joint Statement on Cooperation on Information and Communication Technology in order to promote the cooperation between Japan and Thailand in the fields of disaster prevention, cybersecurity, and postal service. She issued the Joint Press Statement on Cooperation in the Fields of Communications and for the start of talks aimed at lowering international roaming rates and the enhanced cooperation between the countries in the field of next-generation broadcasting, thus identifying the interests of both Japan and Thailand. Accordingly, her visit left concrete results to strengthen the further cooperation between Japan and Thailand.

Minister Takaichi paid a courtesy call to Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha and

agreed to continue strengthening the bilateral cooperative relations between Japan and Thailand.

Minister Takaichi held talks with Minister Pornchai Rujiprapa of Information and Communication Technology and Chairman Thares Punsri of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), and agreed to strengthen the further cooperation between Japan and Thailand.

Minister Takaichi held a Japan-Thailand ICT public-private business dialogue, roundtable to discuss next-generation broadcasting, and business matching meeting on broadcasting contents. Approximately 120 members of 55 organizations (*), including local public corporations, headed by Minister

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Takaichi participated from Japan. Over 150 members from organizations, including information and communication technology (ICT) companies, as well as the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, NBTC, and other government agencies participated from Thailand.

(*) NEC, Japan Post, Hokkaido Television Broadcasting, TBS, Fujitsu, Hokkaido Government, etc.

On May 1, Minister Takaichi held talks with Secretary General Areewan Haorangi of the APT, and reached an agreement on the further enhanced cooperation between Japan and Thailand, including support for human resource development.

Minister Takaichi visited a large-scale department store which has dealt in Japanese local products, and exchanged opinions about the future prospects of the market of Thailand.

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Results of State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications Kosaburo Nishime's Visit to the Republic of Chile

Joint Statement Signed on Strengthening ICT Cooperation on Issues such as Communication Satellites and Improvement of Digital Network.

State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications Kosaburo Nishime visited the South American nation of the Republic of Chile between May 5 and May 10, 2015. As Chile adopted Japanese system of digital terrestrial broadcasting (ISDB-T) back in 2009, there already existed a relationship of cooperation in this area between the two countries. On this visit, State Minister Nishime agreed with Minister Andrés Gómez-Lobo, the Chilean Minister of Transport and Telecommunications, to extend this cooperation to the entire field of ICT, and signed with him a joint statement.

The outline of the visit, and the key contents of the joint statement are as laid out below.

1. Outline of visit

(1) Period of trip

May 5 to May 10, 2015

(2) Key agenda during stay in Chile

a) Engaging in talks with Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Andrés Gómez-Lobo, and to sign a joint statement with him on ICT cooperation, addressing topics including the following: strengthening cooperation in the field of digital terrestrial broadcasting; expanding the partnership to areas such as communication satellites, and improving the digital network; and holding a "ICT policy dialogue" with a view to these goals.

b) Attending ICT events held by the Chilean government (DAYTEL2015, and a workshop on digital terrestrial broadcasting), as head of the Japanese public-private joint mission, composed of around 50 members.

c) Meeting Chilean people of Japanese descent, to foster intercultural communication.

2. Key contents of the joint statement signed by the MIC and by Chile's Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications

(1) Strengthening cooperation in the field of digital terrestrial broadcasting

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) and Chile's Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications (henceforth referred to as 'the two Ministries' or 'both Ministries') agreed to respect their mutual cooperation up to now surrounding digital terrestrial broadcasting, and to continue this partnership. They identified, as issues shared by both Ministries, the Chilean broadcasting stations' procurement of equipment that is required to extend digital terrestrial broadcasting to the whole of Chile, and the establishment of financial aid systems to support this procurement. The two Ministries agreed to cooperate with each other, and to push forward these endeavors.

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(2) Expanding the cooperation to the entire field of ICT
In addition to digital terrestrial broadcasting, the two Ministries agreed to develop their cooperative relationship, surrounding the exchange of information regarding good practices of policies on items of interest to both Ministries, and regarding policies and systems concerning ICT application. The items include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Communication system for disaster prevention and disaster response
- Establishment of a fast internet network that uses optic fiber (on land and on seabed)
- Communication systems using satellites
- Mobile communication technology with a view to smart cities, and other future developments
- Effective frequency use, radio wave supervision, and big data and cloud computing
- Cybersecurity
- Digital contents

The two Ministries confirmed their ultimate aim: to provide effective solutions to social issues, through promoting broader use of ICT and its applications. They agreed to promote the development and adjustment of collaborative projects in the field of ICT, and in cases when any organization other than the two Ministries become involved in the collaborative projects, to endeavor to gain its cooperation towards the success of

the projects. Finally, the two Ministries confirmed that they would cooperate with each other within the system of international organizations such as the ITU and the United Nations, on the condition that each must first gain the agreement of the other.

(3) Exchange between the two nations in the field of ICT
The two Ministries agreed to promote exchange between the two countries towards enhancing their cooperation in the field of ICT, in various ways: holding ICT policy dialogues, ICT business dialogues and seminars, for general exchange of opinions and information on the issues facing ICT implementation; dispatching delegates to the other country with a focus on specific areas; and setting up working committees of experts from both countries. Furthermore, the two Ministries confirmed that they would support the enhancement of business relations between Japanese and Chilean companies and organizations, in compliance with each country's domestic laws, and within each Ministry's jurisdiction.

Based on the joint statement signed on this visit, the MIC plans to advance efforts for the realization of private-public joint ICT projects in both countries, in collaboration with the Chilean Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications, and with the cooperation of other relevant parties.

INFORMATION

“Radio Use Environment Symposium” to be Held

On June 10, 2015, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) will be holding the “Radio Use Environment Symposium: creating a safe and comfortable radio use environment to support a prosperous society”. This event is associated with “Radio Day and Info-Communications Promotion Month”.

At this symposium, we will be reporting on activities that seek to ensure that technical standards regarding low-power radio equipment are met, and the latest developments in preventing radio waves from impacting on the human body and on implantable medical devices. We will also conduct a panel discussion on the topic of wireless power transfer systems.

1 Outline

- (1) Date & Time: June 10, 13:00-16:30 (planned)
(reception open from 12:20)
- (2) Venue: Meiji Kinenkan (2-2-23 Moto-Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

2 Program (planned)

- (1) Opening address
- (2) Words from the host
- (3) Case Studies
- (4) Keynote speech
- (5) Panel discussion

3 How to apply

- (1) Attendance fee: free
- (2) Capacity: approx. 300 persons (Application will be closed when the capacity is reached)
- (3) Application
Those wishing to attend should send an e-mail to the below address before Wednesday, June 3, 5pm. Please include in the message body your name, your organization and department, and your contact details (telephone number and e-mail address).
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