

**Joint Statement on Telecommunications Resilience and Security  
in the Indo-Pacific**  
*Among Relevant Agencies of Australia and Japan*

Australia and Japan are Special Strategic Partners that share fundamental values, such as a shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law and common approaches to international security. Australia and Japan are jointly committed to realizing a free and open Indo-Pacific. Both our countries are contributing to advancements in digital connectivity and are supporting security, trustworthiness and resilience in telecommunications networks in the Indo-Pacific region. Close cooperation between our two countries, in line with the global development and deployment of telecommunications infrastructure such as 5G, will enhance these opportunities.

The relevant agencies of both sides will establish the “Australia-Japan Policy Dialogue for Telecommunications Resilience” (the Dialogue) and hold the first meeting this year. The Dialogue will deepen our partnership in telecommunications resilience and security to realize our goal of a free and open Indo-Pacific. Within the Dialogue, the relevant agencies will share information and hold discussions on mutual priorities in telecommunications such as 5G, as well as Open RAN, telecommunications submarine cables, and satellite communications. Under the Dialogue, the relevant agencies will plan and implement collaborative projects that will be decided upon by both countries. The projects under the Dialogue will complement our existing collaboration in the Quad.

The Department of Home Affairs and Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts will be the lead agencies from the Australian Side. The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) will be the lead agency from the Japanese Side. The Dialogue will be held annually and will also include Senior Officials-level and working-level meetings as necessary.

This Dialogue is intended to strengthen cooperation between our two countries and allow us to create a digital environment that is safe, trustworthy and resilient, and promote digital connectivity in the Indo-Pacific region. Our cooperation will be crucial to our region's future prosperity and security.

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