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Results of the Visit of Jiro Akama, State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Jiro Akama, State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, visited the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from September 14 to 15, 2016.

In this visit, he held talks with H.E. Truong Minh Tuan, Minister of Information and Communications, and renewed Memorandum on Cooperation (MOC) in the Field of Information and Communications, MOC in the Postal Field, and MOC in the Field of Spectrum Management. He reached an agreement with Minister Truong Minh Tuan to continue reinforcing the cooperative relationship between Japan and Vietnam. Furthermore, he witnessed the signing of Japanese companies and Vietnam Post for the development of the bilateral cooperation between both countries.

(1) Talks with H.E. Truong Minh Tuan, Minister of Information and Communications, and Renewal of the MOC in the Field of Information and Communications between Japan and Vietnam

The Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and the Minister of Information and Communications of Vietnam signed the MOC in the Field of Information and Communications in September 2010. Since then, Japan and Vietnam have been proactively promoting cooperation between both countries in accordance with the MOC (with the MOC renewed in September 2013).

State Minister Jiro Akama held talks with H.E. Truong Minh Tuan, Minister of Information and Communications, and reached an agreement to continue promoting the cooperative relationship between both countries in the information and communications field, including cybersecurity and the postal field during his visit. The existing MOC on the above cooperation was valid until this September, and they took procedures to renew the MOC accordingly.

They also took procedures to renew the MOC in the Field of Spectrum Management, which was signed in July 2015 between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and the Ministry of Information and Communications of Vietnam.

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(Photo:Talks with H.E. Truong Minh Tuan)

(2) Signing for Renewal of the MOC in the Postal Field between Japan and Vietnam
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State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and Vice Minister of Information and Communications of Vietnam signed the MOC in the Postal Field in January 2015. Since then, various cooperative initiatives have been making progress between Japan and Vietnam in the postal field, including a consulting agreement signed by Japan Post Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Japan Post") and Vietnam Post Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Vietnam Post").

The existing MOC in the Postal Field was valid until September this year, and then the State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and Vice Minister of Information and Communications of Vietnam signed the renewal of the MOC in the Postal Field. Furthermore, they reached an agreement on promoting the cooperation between the postal designed operators of both countries and the cooperation between Japanese companies and Vietnam Post.



(Photo:State Minister Akama's signing of the MOU Renewal on the Postal Field between Japan and Vietnam)

(3) Witness of the Agreement Signing Ceremonies of Japanese Companies and Vietnam Post Japan Post signed a consulting contract with Vietnam Post for new mail-sorting centers in Vietnam. Hitachi, Ltd., Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, and Vietnam Post signed an agreement in principle for the development of e-money transaction platform, and State Minister Jiro Akama witnessed the signing ceremonies.

These agreements will contribute to overseas expansion initiatives for the system of Japanese postal infrastructure, and State Minister Jiro Akama welcomed the development of the cooperative relationship between Japan and Vietnam in the postal field.

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(4) Japan-Vietnam ICT Policy Dialogue

Japan-Vietnam ICT policy dialogue was held with the Ministry of Information and Communications of Vietnam, which State Minister Jiro Akama attended as the chair of the Japanese side. Participants to the policy dialogue exchanged opinions on spectrum policies including 4G and 5G, cybersecurity, and IoT.



(Photo: Japan-Vietnam ICT Policy Dialogue)