

Looking to the Future

This close cooperation makes a valuable contribution to the quality of life of both EU and Japanese citizens.

Given their joint economic weight and political influence, EU-Japan cooperation also has potential to make a wider positive contribution at global level.

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**Joining hands
to tackle
global
challenges**



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Framework for Cooperation

The European Union and Japan

enjoy a solid relationship founded on common values such as commitment to the rule of law and respect for human rights. This broad-based strategic partnership includes the economic, political, societal, scientific, academic and cultural spheres.

The basis for this relationship is the Action Plan for EU-Japan Cooperation 2001-2011 which outlines four objectives: promoting peace and security, strengthening the economic and trade partnership, managing global and societal challenges, and bringing together people and cultures.

Annual summits are held to discuss current international issues.

Other regular meetings include:

- ▶ Ministerial contacts and high-level consultations.
- ▶ Meetings between the European Parliament and the Japanese Diet.
- ▶ Thematic dialogues on issues including the environment, trade policy, energy, telecommunications and transport.



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Schweden	500	SEK
Kanada	500	SEK
Japan	500	SEK

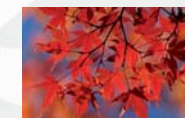
Global Economy

Both are working closely to improve financial supervision, reform the international financial architecture and resist protectionism.



Innovation

World leaders in research and development, both are taking steps to cooperate more closely in this field.



Climate Change

Both recognise the need rapidly to conclude international negotiations on a framework to reduce greenhouse gas emissions beyond 2012.



Global Actors

Both are leading donors of official development assistance, helping people in the world's poorest countries.

Both provide support internationally where it is most needed: stabilisation and democratisation work in Afghanistan and Pakistan, help in the Darfur region of Sudan, and participation in anti-piracy efforts in the waters off Somalia.

Both are active in supporting each other' regional priorities: Japan has contributed to EU-led reconstruction in the Western Balkans, while the EU has actively supported efforts to promote peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula.



Trade and Investment

In 2008, trade in goods between the EU and Japan totalled €117 billion.

Both continue to work on opening up their markets, with the main focus on regulatory and investment-related issues.

Common Challenges, Joint Responses