



EU JAPAN



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The relationship between the European Union and Japan is based upon longstanding cooperation and shared fundamental values and principles such as **democracy, the rule of law, human rights, good governance and a market-based economy**, benefits to citizens in Europe and Japan.



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The EU and Japan will strengthen their already very close relationship through the new Strategic Partnership Agreement, signed at the EU-Japan Summit on 17 July 2018 in Tokyo.

Negotiations of the Strategic Partnership Agreement **started in 2013** and were concluded on **25 April 2018**. This agreement, together with the new Economic Partnership Agreement will take the EU's long-standing Partnership with Japan to a new strategic level, triggering considerable benefits to citizens on both sides. Before entering into force, a large part of the Strategic Partnership Agreement will already be provisionally applied.

As the first-ever bilateral framework agreement between the EU and Japan, the Strategic Partnership Agreement greatly strengthens the overall partnership by **PROMOTING POLITICAL AND SECTORAL COOPERATION AND JOINT ACTIONS** on issues of common interest, including on regional and global challenges.

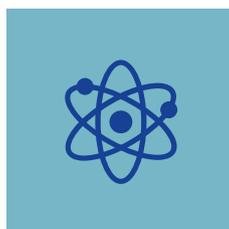
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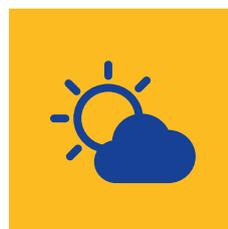
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While the Strategic Partnership Agreement will cover all of the areas of our existing bilateral cooperation, it will also open up the possibility for cooperation in new areas.



The Agreement's **primary role will be to serve as the charter defining and undergirding our overall relationship**. It will be the framework to enhance bilateral cooperation and cooperation in international and regional organisations and fora. **It will help the EU and Japan to jointly promote peace, stability and prosperity globally, as well as an open international system.**



At a time where the rules-based international order is under increasing pressure, the Agreement affirms the **shared values and common principles** that form the base of the EU-Japan partnership, including human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. Both parties reaffirm their **respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights** and all the relevant international human rights treaties to which they are parties.



The **Strategic Partnership Agreement** restates the Parties' commitment to **safeguard international peace** and **security** by:

- ▶  **PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**
- ▶  **TAKING MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE ILLICIT TRADE IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS**

Both the EU and Japan will promote the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and shall continue to contribute actively to global efforts with a view to seeking a safer world for all without nuclear weapons.



A Joint Committee, to be established under the Strategic Partnership Agreement, will coordinate the overall partnership and give strategic direction to the cooperation by providing a forum to discuss all the issues covered in the agreement, to align positions or to solve potential bilateral problems.