

Joint Statement

Shared Vision and Actions for the Strengthening of the Japan-Mexico Global Strategic Partnership for the 21st Century

On 8 April 2013, H.E. Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe and H.E. Mr. Enrique Peña Nieto, President of the United Mexican States held a Summit Meeting in Tokyo. Following the meeting, the two leaders signed a Joint Statement entitled “Shared Vision and Actions for the Strengthening of the Japan-Mexico Global Strategic Partnership for the 21st Century

1. Bilateral Relationship

(1) Prime Minister Abe welcomed President Peña Nieto’s visit to Japan, realized shortly after the formation of the new administration. The Prime Minister further expressed his appreciation for the warm words of condolences and donations personally extended to the Japanese people by President Peña Nieto who was then the governor of the State of Mexico. Prime Minister Abe, in recognition of the fact that the years 2013 – 2014 coincide with the 400th anniversary of the embarkation of the Hasekura Tsunenaga Mission, manifested his expectation for the further promotion of friendship and mutual understanding between the two nations.

(2) President Peña Nieto expressed his gratitude for the warm hospitality extended to him and his delegation and expressed his wish to further develop the bilateral relationship with the celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Hasekura Mission as catalyst. In light of the newly established administrations in both countries, President Peña Nieto referred to the fact that both countries are carrying out economic and structural reform and expressed his wish to reinforce the bilateral relationship through mechanisms such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Pacific Alliance.

(3) Prime Minister Abe, in recognition of the growing role of Mexico in the world, reiterated his wish to work together to promote peace and prosperity in the world. Concerning which, President Peña Nieto stated that Japan and Mexico share positions on numerous issues such as the respect for human rights and international law, as well as the commitment to international peace and expressed his wish to enhance cooperation in the international arena.

2. Economy

(1) Bilateral Economic Relations: The two leaders welcomed the recent Japanese investment including the automotive sector to Mexico and the development of the bilateral economic relationship and shared their view to work towards increasing investment between the two nations.

(2) Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) : Prime Minister Abe expressed his appreciation for the support manifested by President Peña Nieto for the early participation of Japan in the TPP agreement negotiations.

(3) G20: The two leaders shared their view to cooperate in the realms of the world economy and development in light of the results and progress achieved under the Mexican Presidency in 2012.

(4) The Pacific Alliance: The two leaders shared their view to deepen cooperation in the Pacific Alliance and to promote free trade in the Asia Pacific region.

3. Regional Issues

Prime Minister Abe outlined the situation surrounding China and North Korea. President Peña Nieto appreciated the explanation and expressed his support for efforts to resolve the issues, with particular reference to the abduction issue.

4. Others

The two leaders looked to continue working together in the international arena, including on issues such as the Reform of the United Nations Security Council, Disarmament and No-Proliferation, Post-MDGs and the WTO.