

Joint Statement
— The 28th Türkiye-Japan Joint Business Committee —

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On 8 October 2025, the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Türkiye (hereinafter "DEİK") and Keidanren (Japan Business Federation, hereinafter "Keidanren") co-organized the 28th Türkiye - Japan Joint Business Committee ("Joint Committee" hereinafter) in İstanbul with over 150 participants.

At the Joint Committee meeting, both parties engaged in active and constructive discussions on issues including the improvement of the business environment, the establishment of mutually beneficial partnerships in overseas markets, joint financial initiatives, and concrete measures to deepen and expand bilateral economic relations.

Through the discussions, both sides recognized Türkiye's demographic and geographical advantages as important sources of growth potential in the medium to long term. At the same time, both sides highlighted the need to enhance the business environment in Türkiye by removing the obstacles listed in the appendix of the 26th Joint Business Committee and underscored the urgency of concluding a high-standard Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and a Social Security Agreement between the two countries.

They also stressed the importance of introducing incentives, including those for energy-saving products, in order to further revitalize the business operations of Japanese companies in Türkiye, foster deeper integration into the local economy, enhance supply chain resilience, and contribute to long-term sustainable growth.

The conclusion of the EPA will further expand reciprocal direct investment and improve the overall trade balance. Given this background, DEİK and Keidanren are eager for the earliest and mutually desirable conclusion of the EPA between the two countries.

Taking the opportunity of the 101st Anniversary of Türkiye - Japan Diplomatic Relations, DEİK and Keidanren reaffirm their determination to work together toward the early conclusion of the EPA.

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