

Joint Statement
— The 29th Türkiye-Japan Joint Business Committee —

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On 5 October 2026, Keidanren (Japan Business Federation, hereinafter "Keidanren") and the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Türkiye (hereinafter "DEİK") co-organized the 29th Japan-Türkiye Joint Business Committee (hereinafter the "Joint Committee") in Tokyo with over 150 participants.

At the Joint Committee meeting, both parties engaged in active and constructive discussions on issues including the improvement of the trade and investment environment between the two countries, cooperation in the fields of finance and innovation, and best practices of bilateral partnerships in overseas markets.

Through the discussions, both sides once again recognized the significant potential to strengthen bilateral economic relations and promote economic growth by leveraging each country's complementary strengths, including Türkiye's regional connectivity, extensive business networks and production capabilities, along with Japan's advanced technologies, project expertise and financing capacity, to facilitate joint business opportunities in Türkiye and third-country markets.

In order to realize this potential to its fullest extent, both sides emphasized the need to improve the business environment in Türkiye by removing the obstacles listed in the appendix of the Joint Statement 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.

The conclusion of the EPA will enhance transparency, predictability and market access, promote reciprocal direct investment, and contribute to improving the overall trade balance through increased exports to third-countries markets, while further reinforcing Türkiye's role as a manufacturing and export hub. Against this background, Keidanren and DEİK will continue to work closely together toward the earliest and mutually desirable conclusion of the EPA between the two countries.

This Joint Statement was compiled and signed in Tokyo on 5 October 2026.

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