

Joint Statement

on the Strengthening of Japan-Sweden Science and Technology Cooperation
on the Occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations
between Japan and Sweden

Summary

- ✓ To mark the 150th anniversary, MEXT, MER and MEI are celebrating this commemorative year by reaffirming the importance of, and potential for, cooperation in science and technology between both countries.
- ✓ Japan and Sweden have discussed the further strengthening, and are pleased to be able to highlight the following efforts and developments.

University exchanges

Summary

- ✓ Sweden and Japan have a long and rich history of academic cooperation.

- Sweden-Japan University Presidents' Summit
- MIRAI Project
- University of Tokyo and the three Stockholm institutions (Karolinska Institutet, KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Stockholm University)

- ✓ Cooperation based on bottom-up discussions among the universities is invaluable. We welcome the building of the exchanges between universities, and hope that these exchanges will continue to be fruitful.

International joint research and innovation through funding agencies

Summary



- ✓ From recent development of bottom-up discussions, new and potentially important themes of common interest are likely to arise.
- ✓ These outcomes could be important as input when funding agencies on both sides are planning for future bilateral joint programs or calls for research and innovation.

Cooperation through large scale facilities

Summary

- ✓ Both countries have world-class synchrotron radiation facilities.
- ✓ SPring-8 and MAX-IV have initiated consultations aiming to establish a collaborative program that may include the exchange of expertise and beam-time, for possible launch in 2020.



- ✓ The program will include access to the facilities, and encourage and implement bilateral joint research between the two countries.



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Exchanges and cooperation through science promoting organizations



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Summary



- ✓ STINT and JSPS are striving to enhance academic cooperation between the countries in various ways.

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- ✓ We hope that these above-mentioned efforts and developments will act as further catalysts for promoting greater exchanges and cooperation in research, education and innovation between various Japanese and Swedish agencies, organizations, and other entities.



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