



**7TH Japan - Australia High Level Policy Dialogue on Education
JOINT SUMMARY
Tokyo Japan, 12 June 2024**

The 7th Japan - Australia High Level Policy Dialogue on Education was held on 12 June 2024 in Tokyo, Japan, in accordance with the *Memorandum of Cooperation in Education* between the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the Australian Government Department of Education (DE).

The Dialogue was co-chaired by Mr WATANABE Masami, Director-General for International Affairs, MEXT and Ms Karen SANDERCOCK, First Assistant Secretary of International Division, DE.

The Dialogue focused on initiatives to build on the already substantial education and research relationship between Japan and Australia. Participants reaffirmed this deep and long-standing education relationship and recognised its enduring social, cultural, and economic benefits for both countries.

Government officials from both countries

1. shared policies and initiatives in the field of elementary and secondary education, including teacher training, inclusive education, and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in schools.
2. introduced current higher education policy priorities and discussed opportunities to encourage student exchange and inter-university exchange between Japan and Australia, and to ensure quality online learning and delivery through virtual engagement.
3. deepened understanding regarding approaches to research integrity and security in higher education, updating on respective approaches and policy challenges.
4. discussed initiatives related to research and industry collaboration, exploring the possibilities of mutual research topics and joint research agreement.
5. agreed that Australia will host the next High Level Policy Dialogue meeting in a timely and appropriate manner.

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