



EMBASSY OF JAPAN  
ATHENS - GREECE

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter to share with you the results of the recent official working visit by the Prime Minister Mitsotakis to Japan (30-31 January 2023).

This was the first visit to Japan by a Greek Prime Minister in 17 years, which, I believe, contributed significantly to the strengthening of relations between Japan and Greece. As Ambassador of Japan in Greece, I was present for all of the official programs of PM Mitsotakis in Japan.

During his stay in Japan, the PM Mitsotakis, together with Mrs Mitsotakis, was granted an audience by Their Imperial Highnesses Crown Prince and Crown Princess Akishino. PM also met with Prime Minister Kishida and with the Speaker Hosoda of the House of Representatives. He also visited the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), as well as met Japanese major companies and investors. He also made a policy speech at the University of Tokyo.

At the Summit meeting, PM Kishida and PM Mitsotakis issued the "Joint Statement on Strategic Partnership between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Hellenic Republic", upgrading the bilateral relationship to a "strategic partnership".

The summary of the Summit meeting, the outline and the full text of the Joint Statement are attached herewith.

- \*Attachment 1: Summary of the Summit meeting
- \*Attachment 2: Outline of the Joint Statement
- \*Attachment 3: Joint Statement (full text)

Sincerely,

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