

## Japan-Canada Chambers Council Joint Statement September 19, 2022

The global business environment has been severely tested in recent years by international events and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this context of continuing international uncertainty, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry met in Toronto as the Japan-Canada Chambers Council (JCCC) with the theme of “Respected Friends in a Challenging World.”

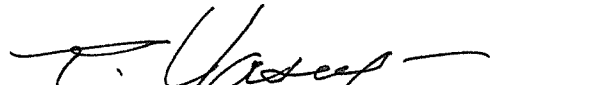
JCCC participants emphasized the tremendous value of the rules-based systems of our two nations, as well as their continued friendship, in the reduction of business risk and creation of opportunity. We call upon our governments to build on the outcomes of the 2022 JCCC meeting in the following areas:

- *Supply Chains:* Canada and Japan are trade-dependent economies that rely on the efficient movement of both exports and imports. Therefore, well-functioning supply chains are critical to the welfare and economic vitality of both countries. We call on our governments to work closely with business leaders to identify and implement solutions that will increase supply chain resilience.
- *Energy:* In the current geopolitical landscape, there exists a global need for reliable access to sustainable energy sources from countries with world-class environmental, social and governance practices. We call on the Governments of Canada and Japan to cooperate to leverage opportunities in areas in both hydrocarbon and renewable energy products.
- *Agri-food:* Many nations risk, in coming years, shortages of food and the inputs to produce food, in particular fertilizer. We call upon our governments to reduce regulations restricting the use of fertilizers and other crop inputs, which risk diminishing our respective contributions to global food security. In addition, we would like to ask for the governments’ continued support in relation to the development of infrastructure such as ports, roads, and railways, which has been a logistics bottleneck .

Our organizations look forward to continued collaboration with our members and the Japanese and Canadian governments to drive forward progress on these strategic matters, both bilaterally as well through Japan's G7 Presidency next year.




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Canada Chair



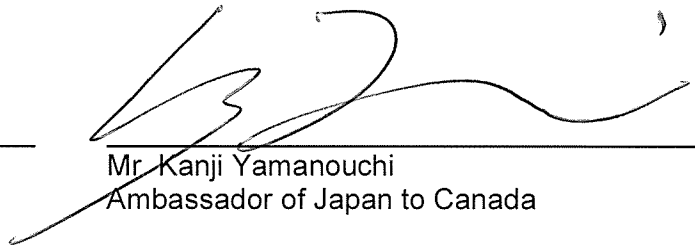
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