



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

BRIEF FOR MINISTER FOR TRADE AND TOURISM



G7 TRADE MINISTERS' MEETING

Osaka, 28-29 October

Front cover photo: [Woodblock print of Emperor Nintoku by a Meiji-era artist.](#)

According to legend, Emperor Nintoku ruled from 313 AD until his death in 399 AD at the age of 143. He is credited as a wise and benevolent ruler who built ports and canals, encouraged rice farming and reformed taxation.

His tomb, which you [Minister Farrell] will visit, is one of the three largest in the world.

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E3: OSAKA EXPO SITE VIEWING

KEY MESSAGES

What we want:

- To reaffirm Australia's support for Japan's hosting of Expo 2025.

Time and Place

Sunday, 29 October,
09:30am-10:00am,

50F Conference Room,
Osaka Prefectural
Government Sakishima
Building

Key attendees

Mr Ichinoki Manatsu, Deputy Secretary General, Japan Association
for the 2025 World Exposition

Ms Nagano Hikaru, Executive Director Extraordinary, International
Relations Bureau, Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

Mr Iwaki Yukari, Deputy Director, International Relations Bureau,
Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

Minister's role, objective, context and sensitivities

You [Minister Farrell] will have the opportunity to view the site of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai from the 50th floor Conference Room of the Osaka Prefectural Government in the Sakishima Building (the third-tallest building in Japan). The Expo Association will explain how the artificial island will be transformed into the venue. You may wish to talk about Australia's participation in and support for the Expo.

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Handling note

The meeting will be conducted in English. You [Minister Farrell] will be accompanied by (TBC):

- Ambassador Justin Hayhurst, Australian Ambassador to Japan
- Tim Yeend, Associate Secretary, DFAT
- Mr Trevor Holloway, Consul-General and Senior Trade Commissioner, Australian Consulate-General, Osaka
- Mr Ben Rillo, Chief of Staff
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- Mr Marco Salvio, Assistant Secretary North East Asia Branch, DFAT
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Gifts: No gifts.

Media: No media present. TBC The Expo Association will take photos for their social media.

Talking Points:

- Pleased to be leading Australia's participation in Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, where the theme for the Australian Pavilion is "Chasing the Sun".
- I unveiled the pavilion's concept design in Melbourne on 8 October at the 60th annual Australia-Japan Joint Business Conference.
- Australia does not participate in every World Expo, but we are enthusiastic to do so in Osaka in 2025.
- Japan's vision for the Expo – inclusive and sustainable societies, decarbonisation, clean energy, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals – align well with Australia's ambitions, and the trade and investment interests of Australian businesses.
- Australia is keen to work with Japan to make the Expo a great success.
- Our preparations are progressing well, and we are on track to deliver our pavilion on time.
- Our organising team (in Canberra and Osaka) has found the Expo Liaison Team to be very helpful and I wish to express my appreciation for all their support.

Background:

Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai will be held from 13 April – 13 October 2025 under the theme of "Designing Future Society for our Lives". Approximately 28.2 million visitors are expected to attend, including 3.5 million from overseas. 153 countries/regions and 8 international organisations have confirmed their participation, including all our major trading partners, all ASEANS (except Myanmar) and 12 Pacific Island





countries. Australia has secured a large block (A10) in the “Connecting Lives” zone, with Indonesia on one side and Saudi Arabia on the other.

DFAT has appointed Turner & Townsend as the project management consultancy. The Buchan Group (with leading Japanese design firm, Nikken Sekkei) have been appointed lead design consultant for the pavilion and exhibition design. ES Global has been appointed general contractor for the construction of the Australian Pavilion.

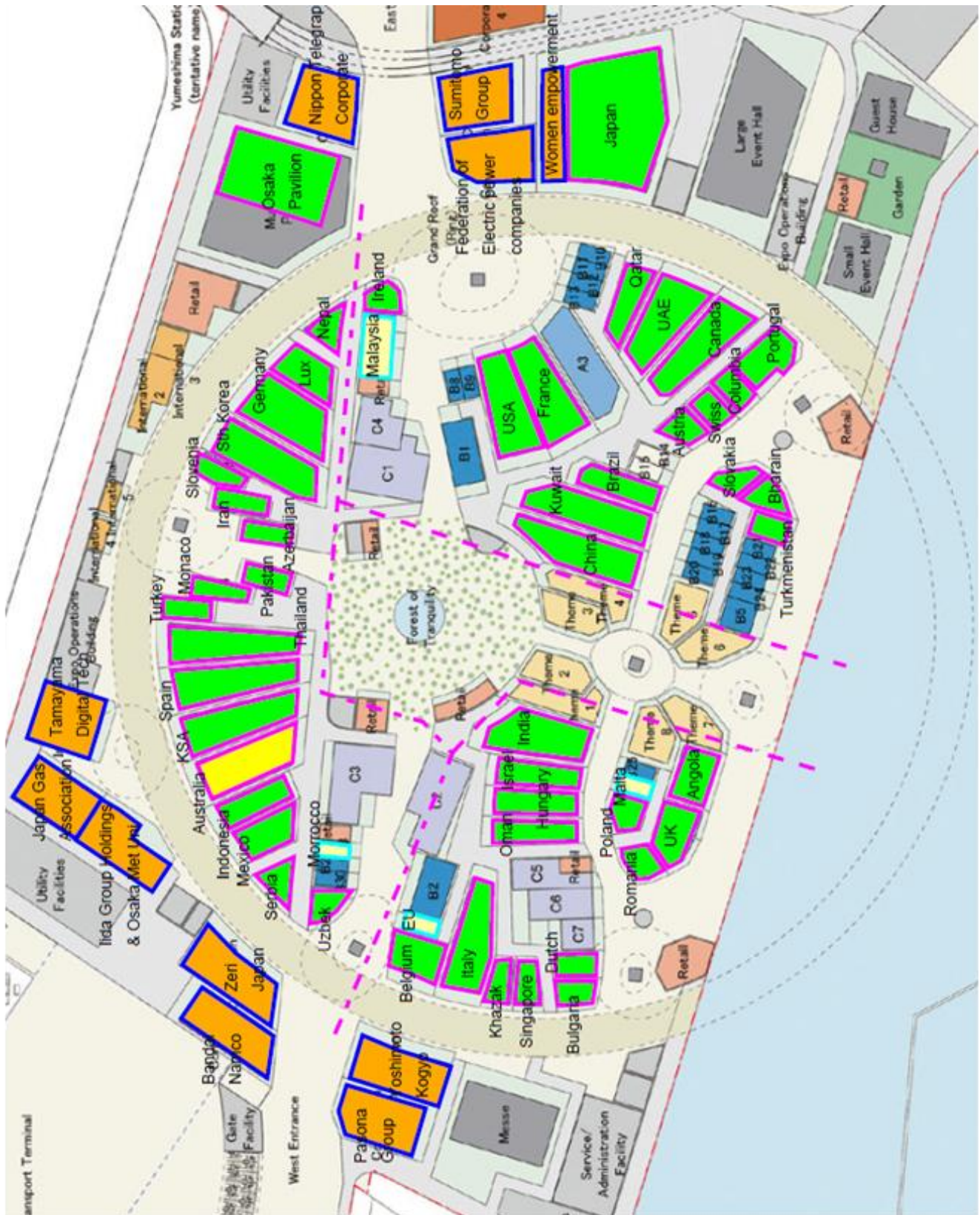
Run sheet:

Local Time	
0930	Minister greeted by Deputy Secretary General <u>Ichinoki</u> on arrival and escorted to 50 th floor
0935	Consul-General introduces Japanese participants to Minister (standing)
0940	Deputy Secretary General <u>Ichinoki</u> shows the Minister the Expo site from the Conference Room window, explaining how it will look in 2025 and where Australia’s pavilion will be located
0952	You [Minister Farrell] deliver short remarks on Australia’s participation and support for Expo 2025
0955	Photo opportunity
1000	Consul-General escorts Minister to Tourism Expo
<i>Ends</i>	

Event Biographies

	Manatsu <u>ICHINOKI</u> [EE-chee-NOH-key] Deputy Secretary General, Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition JAPAN	
	Form of Address: Deputy Secretary General s 47F(1)	
	Hikaru <u>NAGANO</u> Executive Director Extraordinary, International Relations Bureau, Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition JAPAN	
	Form of Address: Executive Director	

Expo site plan with sites of known participating pavilions



E4: TOURISM EXPO JAPAN VISIT

KEY MESSAGES

What we want:

- To promote Australian tourism and showcase Australian products in Japan.
- To reconfirm Australia's commitment to the Japanese tourism market.
- To gain insights into how Australia can improve its position in the market.

Time and Place Sunday, 29 October, 10:25am-11:30am, Intex, Osaka	Key attendees Mr <u>Ebina</u> Kuniharu, President, Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA) Mr <u>Nishiyama</u> Nishi, guitarist, endorsed user of Maton Guitars (Australian company exporting to Japan) Mr Andrew Hogg, Executive General Manager, Asia and Aviation, Tourism Australia Mr <u>Suetsugu</u> Hiroshi, Head of Sales, Ace-K (Maton importer) Mr <u>Takeda</u> Masashi, President, Dolphin Guitars (Maton's first retailer in Japan and also the first company to be a tour promoter for Tommy Emmanuel in Japan)
Minister's role, objective, context and sensitivities You (Minister Farrell) will provide brief opening remarks on stage at Tourism Expo Japan, where potential Japanese travelers will be entertained by Nishi Nishiyama, well-known Japanese guitarist. You will provide Mr Nishiyama with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts in promoting tourism and promoting Australian products in Japan (Australian-made Maton guitars). You will also meet with the President of the Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA) to reconfirm Australia's strong commitment to the Japanese tourism market. You may wish to seek JATA's view of how Australia is placed as a destination in competitive terms, and how we can improve our position in the market. JATA may raise the Australian ETA being only available in English. You will also meet senior executives from Japanese companies importing Maton guitars.	

Handling note

Consecutive interpreting will be used – speakers should speak in short blocks of 2- 3 sentences to allow for interpretation.

Participants will be coming from a visit to the World Expo 2025 headquarters nearby.

You [Minister Farrell] will be accompanied by:

- Derek Baines, Regional General Manager, Japan and Korea, Tourism Australia
- Justin Hayhurst, HOM, Australian Embassy
- Tim Yeend, Associate Secretary, DFAT
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- Ben Rillo, Chief of Staff
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- Marco Salvio, Assistant Secretary
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- Trevor Holloway, Consul General Osaka
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Gifts: No gifts.

Media: Wing Travel

Draft Remarks for Minister Farrell Tourism Expo Japan 2023

Nishiyama-san, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen.

It is an honour to be here today at Tourism Expo Japan 2023 and to feel such a great sense of excitement in the crowd about overseas travel!

Japan is one of Australia's most important travel source markets. We offer a range of experiences which resonate strongly with Japanese visitors, including world-class food and wine, unique wildlife, and natural beauty. Australia also offers friendly and informal hospitality – we warmly welcome you to Australia!

Today I have the pleasure of being here on stage with Nishi Nishiyama, one of Japan's foremost acoustic guitarists. Nishiyama-san always plays a Maton guitar, made in Australia. Maton is a great example of an Australian company which is successfully exporting quality products to Japan.

Nishiyama-san, please accept this certificate of appreciation for your efforts in helping promote Australian products and for being part of the Tourism Expo Australia show today.

I am sure we are all looking forward to Nishiyama-san's performance. Over to you.

Thank you.

(Duration: 1.7 minutes)

(Word count: 166 words)

Talking Points

- Congratulate JATA on an excellent Tourism Expo (JATA is the organizing body)
 - Thank you for continued support of Australia tourism industry
- Japan is one of our key tourism markets (5th largest market in 2019)
 - We are pleased that Japanese travelers are returning to Australia
 - 69% versus 2019, in month of Aug-23
 - Australia is enjoying a higher market share than in 2019
- Airline seat capacity is growing on the Japan-Australia route
 - ANA Tokyo-Perth flights are back in service as of today
 - By March 2024, we expect capacity to be over 30% higher than 2019
- Continue to seek support from JATA and Japan tourism industry

If raised: Why is the Australian Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) only available in English?

- Some guidance documents have recently been translated. We continue to review our procedures to ensure travel to Australia is as streamlined as possible.

Background

Tourism Expo Japan 2023 will be held in Osaka on 26 – 29 October 2023 and will include participation from over 100 countries. It is aimed at building tourism connections and highlighting the impact of tourism growth on global economies. The expo will offer opportunities for tourism businesses including both business-to-business and business-to-consumer opportunities. The expo is organised in collaboration with the UN World Tourism Organization, Japanese government ministries and international tourism organisations.

Maton Guitars entered the Japanese market via their Osaka-based importer, Ace-K Corporation in 2008 after an introduction by Austrade Osaka. Maton Guitars and their importer both work closely with Maton's most well-known user, globally renowned guitarist, Tommy Emmanuel. Their marketing collaborations have greatly contributed to Maton Guitars' sales growth, with Japan now their most successful export market. Ace-K have also built key relationships within Japan's professional guitarist community. Hit singer-songwriter, Motohiro Hata has had a signature model developed for him by Maton's Custom Shop.

Nishi Nishiyama has been using Maton Guitars since 2008 and visited the Melbourne Maton Factory to receive a Custom Shop guitar in 2018 where he also performed for staff. He is now a Maton demonstrator in the Japan market. Nishi was the opening act for the Tommy Emmanuel Japan Tour in 2007 and 2009. Tommy Emmanuel invited him to perform in Nashville, Tennessee.

Run sheet:

Local Time	
1025	Minister arrives at Intex (Tourism Expo venue) Car arrives at Intex west gate rotary Met on arrival by Derek Baines, Regional General Manager Japan & Korea, Tourism Australia
1030	Minister arrives at stage area Quick briefing about the stage program Short introduction to Mr Suetsugu and Mr Takeda
1034	'Come and say G'Day' campaign video running on screen
1036	MC moves to stage MC introduces Mr Nishiyama (guitarist) MC introduces Minister for brief remarks

Local Time	
1038	Minister presents Mr Nishiyama with Certificate of Appreciation
1040	Minister steps down from stage and is seated in front of stage MC and Nishiyama have a short chat on stage
1045	Nishiyama performance (2-3 numbers) Minister departs stage area after first number
1050	Minister to visit Australia exhibit; meet Tourism Australia staff
1100	Minister 1:1 interview with travel-focused media and/or discussion with JATA officials
1120	See 3-4 other major exhibits (Australia's key tourism competitors), escorted by Tourism Australia)
1130	Minister leaves venue Car departs from Intex west gate rotary
<i>Ends</i>	

Event Biographies



Mr Ebina Kuniharu
Pronunciation: eh-BEE-nah
 President, Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA)
 JAPAN



Form of Address: Ebina-san
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Mr Nishiyama Nishi (Takayuki Nishiyama)
 Professional guitarist and instructor, Maton-endorsed
 artist and demonstrator
 JAPAN



Form of Address: Nishiyama-san
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Mr Tabata Toshifumi

Interviewer, WING Travel Weekly/Daily
JAPAN

Form of address: Tabata-san
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Mr Suetsugu Hiro

Head of Sales/Sales Manager, Ace-K Corporation
(established in 2009)
JAPAN

Form of address: Suetsugu-san



Mr Takeda Masashi

President, Dolphin Guitars
Representative Director, Sound Messe (Japan's largest
acoustic guitar trade fair)
JAPAN

Form of address: Takeda-san

E5: LUNCH WITH PANASONIC ENERGY

KEY MESSAGES

What we want:

- To encourage Panasonic Energy to invest in Australia, import Australian critical minerals, and contribute to supply chain security in the region.

Time and Place Sunday 29 October, 12:00pm-1:30pm, Nadaman Japanese Restaurant, Imperial Hotel, Osaka	Key attendees Dr Shoichiro <u>Watanabe</u> , Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer Mr Nobuto <u>Nakanishi</u> , Senior Manager, Government and External Relations
Minister's role, objectives, context and sensitivities You [Minister Farrell] will host lunch for two senior executives from Panasonic Energy, Japan's largest battery manufacturer. The Ambassador will chair the lunch meeting and you will be invited to make opening and closing remarks. You are expected to open first before the Ambassador invites Dr Watanabe from Panasonic Energy to respond. After the lunch, the Ambassador will invite Dr Watanabe for closing remarks and you will then make the final remarks. You could emphasise Australia's commitment to being Japan's partner of choice in clean energy, including critical minerals. You could recognise Panasonic Energy's procurement of battery minerals (nickel, lithium) from Australia and encourage further commercial ties, including future investments in Australia. You could also highlight Australia's focus on developing our critical minerals sector to support global net zero goals, including through the Critical Minerals Strategy.	

Handling note

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The lunch will be in English, with no interpreting. There will be photo opportunities at the start of the meeting.

Participants will be arriving from a visit to the Tourism Expo about 40 minutes away by car.

You will be accompanied by:

- **Mr Justin Hayhurst**
 - *Australian Ambassador to Japan*
- **Mr Trevor Holloway**
 - *Australian Consul-General to Osaka*
- **Mr Ben Rillo**
Minister's Chief of Staff
- **Mr Tim Yeend**
Associate Secretary, DFAT

Gifts: No gifts.

Media: No media.

Talking points:

- Australia and Japan are natural partners to address the growing demand for electric vehicle (EV) batteries.
- The Australian Government is committed to being Japan's energy partner of choice, through our vast resource endowments and our strong environmental, social and governance standards.
- Acknowledge the importance of Panasonic Energy for Australia's critical minerals industry.
- Appreciate Panasonic Energy's procurement of Australian nickel, lithium, and graphite.
- Through the Critical Minerals Strategy, the Australian Government is focused on supporting further development of Australia's critical minerals sector, including downstream processing capabilities, to support more diverse and secure critical mineral supply chains.
- We want to work with Japan to encourage investment and commercial partnerships with Australian critical minerals proponents.
- Australian critical minerals will help support the achievement of global emissions reductions targets; and we are committed to establishing Australia as a global clean energy powerhouse.
- Australia recently agreed with METI Minister Nishimura (who visited Melbourne in early October) on an enhanced energy security, transition and climate change partnership.

Questions:

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Background:

- Panasonic Energy, established in April 2022, is a group company of Panasonic Holdings which provides innovative battery technology-based products and solutions globally.
- s 47G(1)(a) and (b)
- To meet growing demand for cleaner energy, Panasonic Energy plans to scale up global production for automotive purposes by some 3-4 times the 2022 levels by March 2029. They will do this by starting the newest high-capacity battery production in Japan within FY2024, and a new plant in Kansas, United States, adding to their world's largest lithium-ion battery factory in Nevada servicing the automotive battery business.
- Panasonic Energy's focus is on electric vehicles (EVs) and industrial and electrification of social infrastructure, aiming to solve environmental issues by supporting electrification.
- To date, Panasonic Energy have supplied a total of over ten billion cylindrical lithium-ion battery cells, enough for 1.7 million EVs, since mass production of their "1865" and "2170" cells.
- Panasonic Energy is working on a new battery for Tesla that will use a new combination of additives to allow individual cells to operate at a higher voltage without damaging their performance.
- The Panasonic Group is committed to achieving virtually net-zero carbon dioxide emissions for all its companies by 2030 and reducing carbon dioxide emissions by more than 300 million tonnes (about one per cent of total global emissions) by 2050.
- Panasonic Energy's biggest issues are how to lower the carbon footprint and cost of lithium-ion batteries, and particularly how to reduce emissions from the mining/processing of minerals.
- Panasonic Energy signed a letter of intent with the CSIRO in Osaka in October 2022 on developing technology for nickel processing.

Run sheet:

Local Time	
1200	Minister and delegation arrive at restaurant
1201	Panasonic Energy representatives arrive Consul General introduces the Japanese participants to Minister (standing) Photo opportunity
1205	Ambassador asks participants to take their seats Ambassador welcomes participants and invites Minister to speak while participants start lunch (pre-ordered lunch set)
1210	Minister makes opening remarks (interpreting not required)
1215	Ambassador invites Dr Watanabe from Panasonic Energy to respond Dr Watanabe makes remarks Followed by free discussion over lunch
1325	Ambassador invites Minister and Dr Watanabe to make closing remarks Dr Watanabe makes remarks Minister makes final remarks
1330	Lunch meeting ends
1330	Ambassador escorts Minister out of restaurant to car transport



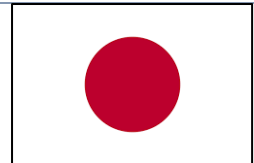
Event Biographies



Dr Watanabe Shoichiro
Executive Vice President and CTO
Panasonic Energy Corporation

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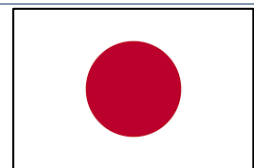
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Mr Nakanishi Nobuto
Senior Manager, Government and External Relations

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Twitter handle: Nil



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JAPAN: NISHIMURA YASUTOSHI

Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry

KEY MESSAGES

Purpose:

- Reassure Japan on Australia's position on economic coercion.
- Reflect on the success of the Ministerial Economic Dialogue (8 October).
- s 33(a)(iii), s 47C, s 47E(d)

Talking points:

- Pleased to meet in Osaka so soon after hosting you for the **Ministerial Economic Dialogue (MED)** [8 October] – thank you for the invitation
 - very pleased with our constructive discussions with Ministers Bowen and King in Melbourne
 - looking forward to stronger engagement with Japan as our officials work towards an enhanced energy security, transition and climate change partnership
 - Prime Minister Albanese has “underscored Australia's commitment to remaining a reliable supplier of energy to Japan as both economies transition to net zero” [21 May media release].
- Japan is a Special Strategic Partner for Australia
 - our common strategic interests, deep economic complementary and strong people-to-people links make us natural partners in supporting an open, stable and prosperous region.
- The 60th anniversary of the **Australia-Japan Joint Business Conference** and Japan's significant business delegation was an opportunity to celebrate our economic relationship
 - I was delighted to unveil the concept design for Australia's **Osaka Expo 2025** pavilion and am pleased to be visiting the Expo site tomorrow.
- s 47C, s 47E(d)
- Looking forward to **meeting CPTPP Minister Shindo in the margins of the APEC meeting** in San Francisco [14-15 November]
 - s 47C, s 47E(d)
- Welcome Japan's inclusion of **MC13** in the discussion on the G7 session on trade and sustainability, which will help to push for reform outcomes in this area in the WTO, including
 - institutional reform to improve the Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE); and

- Ministerial statements from the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD) and the Dialogue on Plastics Pollution (DPP) to build momentum for future work.
- Important we continue working together to make MC13 a success
 - welcome Japan's decision to join the Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement (MPIA)
 - want Senior Officials to lay the groundwork for a successful **WTO reform Ministerial**
 - including by agreeing the deliberative reform package that Ministers should focus on and a pathway for a dispute settlement reform outcome.

s 47C, s 47E(d)

If raised: Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) Leaders' Meeting

- We are following up on your request for Prime Minister Albanese to attend the AZEC Leaders' Meeting in December – we value close cooperation on regional decarbonisation through this initiative
 - pleased to discuss AZEC and joint financing of clean energy infrastructure projects by Australia and Japan with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) Board Chair Maeda [8 October].

If raised: Safeguard Mechanism and the reliability of Australia's energy supply

- As Australian Ministers stated at the Ministerial Economic Dialogue [8 October], Australia is committed to remaining a reliable and stable supplier of energy, including LNG, as both our economies transition to net zero
 - s 47C, s 47E(d)

s 33(a)(iii), s 47C, s 47E(d)

Background

On 8 October, you [Minister Farrell], METI Minister Nishimura and Ministers Bowen and King announced that Australia and Japan would work towards an enhanced energy security, transition and climate change partnership.

Japan s 47C, s 47E(d) . It appointed its first Minister for Economic Security in October 2021 (now Sanae Takaichi) and passed the Economic Security

Promotion Act in May 2022. In October 2022, Japan published guidelines for strategically important goods that will receive government support, including microchips and medical goods.

s 47C, s 47E(d)

The Prime Minister has been invited to virtually participate in the AZEC Leaders' Meeting to be held between 16 – 18 December 2023 in the margins of the ASEAN Japan Friendship and Cooperation Commemorative Summit in Tokyo. s 33(a)(iii), s 47C, s 47E(d)

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Yasutoshi Nishimura

Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry

JAPAN

**Form of Address:** Your Excellency**s 47F(1)****Twitter handle:** [@METI_JPN](https://twitter.com/METI_JPN)**Career:**

Aug 2022-	Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry & Minister for Economic Cooperation with Russia (second reshuffled Kishida Cabinet)
2020-2021	Minister in Charge of Coronavirus Response (Abe and Suga Cabinets)
2019-2021	Minister for Economic Revitalisation (CPTPP) (Abe and Suga Cabinets)
2017-2019	Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary (Abe Cabinet)
2016-2017	Special Assistant to the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) President
2016	Chair, Committee on the Cabinet, House of Representatives (HOR)
2012-2014	Senior Vice-Minister of the Cabinet Office
2008-2009	Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs
2003	Elected to the HOR (currently serving his seventh term)
1985-1999	Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)

s 47F(1), s47E(d), s47C

Contact: You last met Minister Nishimura when hosting the Australia-Japan Ministerial Economic Dialogue in Melbourne on 8 October 2023. You had previously met in the margins of the APEC Trade Ministers Meeting in Detroit on 25 May.

JAPAN: KAMIKAWA YOKO

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Purpose:

- Demonstrate Australia's support for international rules and norms, including through regional trade architecture.
- s 47C, s 47E(d)

Talking points:

- Congratulations on your appointment as Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and as the first female incumbent in nearly two decades [Kamikawa assumed the role on 13 September 2023].
- Australia and Japan see the world through a similar lens
 - we share a commitment to democracy, human rights, free trade and our common vision for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific
 - and we have a shared commitment to deter unilateral changes to the regional status quo by force.
- Our economic relationship is an important pillar of our **Special Strategic Partnership**
 - delighted to have had the opportunity to discuss strategic trade and investment issues with Minister Nishimura in Melbourne earlier this month, along with two other Australian ministers
 - we agreed to work towards an **enhanced energy security, transition and climate change partnership**
 - to address mutual opportunities and challenges, including to achieve net zero
 - Prime Minister Albanese has also "underscored Australia's commitment to remaining a reliable supplier of energy to Japan as both economies transition to net zero" [21 May media release].

s 47C, s 47E(d)

- and reform of the **WTO**
 - » like you [Minister Kamikawa], Australia is committed to utilising trade to achieve gender equality and women's economic empowerment, including through the WTO
- Look forward to working together with you [Minister Kamikawa] to implement fully the **Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA)**
 - JAEPA is the central pillar of our bilateral trade and investment relationship.
- Seek your [Minister Kamikawa's] support for officials to hold a **Joint Committee Meeting**
 - s 47C, s 47E(d)
- Strongly support **Japan's G7 Presidency**, and welcome its leadership on **economic security**

- Australia was honoured to be invited as an outreach partner
- s 47C, s 47E(d)

- Interested in exploring how we can personally collaborate to strengthen the rules-based multilateral trading system.

s 47C, s 47E(d)

Background

- Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA)

s 47C, s 47E(d)

Japan's Foreign Minister (Minister Kamikawa) is responsible for the coordination and implementation of JAEPA. She shares responsibility for the WTO and regional FTAs with Minister Nishimura's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

- Economic Security

Japan s 47C, s 47E(d) It appointed its first Minister for Economic Security in October 2021 (now Sanae Takaichi) and passed the Economic Security Promotion Act in May 2022. In October 2022, Japan published guidelines for strategically important goods that will receive government support, including microchips and medical goods.

KAMIKAWA Yoko

Minister of Foreign Affairs (LDP)

JAPAN



Form of Address: Minister

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Career:

Sep 2023- Minister for Foreign Affairs (Second reshuffled Kishida Cabinet)

2021-23 Deputy Secretary-General, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)

2020-21 Minister of Justice (Suga Cabinet)

2017-18 Minister of Justice (Third Abe Cabinet)

2014-15 Minister of Justice (Second Abe Cabinet)

2013-14 Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications

2007-08 Minister of State for Gender Equality (Abe and Fukuda Cabinets)

2000 Elected to the House of Representatives (currently serving her 7th term)

s 47F(1), s47E(d), s47C

Contact:

As Foreign Minister, Kamikawa met FM Wong on 20 October 2023 for the 2+2 in Tokyo. Kamikawa also met FM Wong on 19 September 2023 and attended a Quad FM meeting with Senator Wong on 22 September 2023, both in New York. Kamikawa met Ambassador Hayhurst on 7 September 2023.

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