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(Introduction)

Good afternoon, everyone.

My name is Jun Kazeki, Director-General of the National Space Policy Secretariat at the Cabinet Office of Japan.

It's a great honor to be here today at this important dialogue between the French and Japanese space industries. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the organizers (GIFAS and SJAC) for their dedicated efforts in enabling this event.

I hope that today's event will provide a valuable opportunity to foster a shared understanding and vision among stakeholders from both countries, and to promote strong industrial cooperation.

(France-Japan Space Cooperation)

France and Japan have built a truly special partnership in the field of space over many decades.

Since the launch of our first satellites—France in 1965 and Japan in 1970—our two nations have built a relationship characterized by both healthy competition and robust collaboration.

The “France–Japan Comprehensive Space Dialogue,” held regularly since 2016, reflects the strategic importance both governments place on space as a high-priority domain.

At its fourth session successfully organized yesterday, we reaffirmed our shared vision for civil, commercial, and security-related cooperation, including multilateral engagement through the United Nations and G7 frameworks.

At the agency level, JAXA and CNES have been at the core of our cooperation, working together across a wide range of areas—from scientific exploration and earth observation to space transportation and sustainability.

Moreover, our cooperation in space security continues to deepen, with mutual participation in exercises and SSA data sharing.

From our joint work on the International Space Station—where JAXA and CNES have closely cooperated—to the CALLISTO reusable launch vehicle project jointly undertaken by JAXA, CNES, and DLR, Japan and France have built a strategic and productive partnership.

(Importance of Japan-Europe Industrial Cooperation)

Looking ahead, industrial cooperation between Japan and France is more important than ever.

France possesses significant strengths in areas such as rocket technologies, exploration systems, earth observation technologies, and so on.

Therefore, I believe there are many promising areas for collaboration between our industries. These complementary strengths create opportunities for joint development, innovation, and market expansion.

Moreover, as space becomes increasingly contested and congested, collaboration in space security and sustainability is essential. By aligning our policy frameworks and industrial capabilities, we can ensure a safe and stable use of outer space for future generations.

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In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that the future of space exploration and utilization depends on strong international partnerships.

The bonds between Japan and France—and between Japan and Europe—are built on trust, shared expertise, and a common vision for the future.

Let us continue to deepen our cooperation, not only between governments and agencies, but also across industries, academia, and civil society.

Together, we can push the boundaries of what is possible in space, for the benefit of all humankind.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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