

May 31, 2025

Japan-U.S. Consultation on U.S. Tariff Measures

1. On May 30, commencing at 8 a.m. local time (9 p.m., Japan time), for approximately 130 minutes, H.E. AKAZAWA Ryosei, Minister in charge of Economic Revitalization of Japan, met with the Honorable Scott Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury, and the Honorable Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce of the United States of America, to hold the Japan-U.S. Consultation on U.S. Tariff Measures during his visit to Washington D.C., the United States of America.

2. Minister Akazawa once again strongly urged a reconsideration of the series of tariff measures by the United States.

3. Both sides affirmed that, through Minister Akazawa's four-time visit to the United States and the bilateral consultations thereof, Japan and the United States have gained a sufficient understanding of each other's positions and that discussions toward reaching an agreement have progressed. Additionally, both sides concurred to further accelerate coordination between the two countries and hold another consultation ahead of the possible exchange between the leaders of Japan and the United States around the occasion of the G7 Summit in June.