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„Meeting with H.E. Prime Minister Yoshihide SUGA ”

H.E. Mr. Paweł MILEWSKI, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Japan paid a courtesy call to H.E. Prime Minister Yoshihide SUGA at the Prime Minister's Office on 12 January 2021.

At the meeting the following issues were raised:

1. Importance of deepening relations between Poland and Japan during the COVID-19 pandemic and one year after the official visit of Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Mateusz Morawiecki to Japan in January 2020;
2. Strengthening of cooperation between Visegrád Group countries and Japan during Polish Presidency of V4 – Ambassador Milewski handed over a letter from Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Mateusz Morawiecki with an invitation for the next V4-Japan Summit Meeting planned in Poland in 2021;
3. Potential of further expansion of economic relations between Poland and Japan including “success story” of 30 years of TOYOTA investment presence in Poland;
4. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Secretary-General elections – request from the Government of Poland for support of Polish candidate Mr. Michał Kurtyka, Minister of Climate and Environment.

**Polish Presidency
of the Visegrad Group**
July 2020–June 2021



The Visegrád Group (Visegrád Four or V4). A regional cooperation framework consisting of Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia founded in Visegrad in Hungary in 1991. It promotes V4 plus Japan cooperation in a wide range of areas including economic, trade and investments. The last V4 plus Japan Summit Meeting was held in Slovakia in 2019. Poland took over the annual Presidency of the V4 on July 1st, 2020. “Back on track” is a motto of Polish Presidency meaning a return to a path of development, contacts among people and to economic cooperation.

More: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlgjFtJvwIY>

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development: On October 27th, 2020, Poland put forward the candidacy of the Minister of Climate and Environment Michał Kurtyka for the position of the OECD Secretary-General for the 2021-2026 tenure. Michał Kurtyka is primarily an expert - an economist and engineer. He architected the transformation of the Polish energy sector. His legacy includes providing favorable framework for emerging industries and aligning growth with innovation and quality jobs creation in a spirit of trust. Internationally, Mr. Kurtyka is best known for his outstanding ability to build consensus among parties. As COP24 President he led all 196 Parties to the adoption of the Katowice Rulebook, enabling the implementation of the Paris Agreement, while as the Chairman of IEA 2019 Ministerial he contributed to the enactment of, first in ten years, IEA Ministerial Communiqué. Mr. Kurtyka was also chairing IEA works in 2016-2017 when it delivered “Long Term Financial Health” reform that assured sustainable financial security of the Agency.

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