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Bruno Le Maire, ministre de l'Économie et des Finances, et **Hiroshige Seko**, ministre japonais de l'Économie, du Commerce et de l'Industrie, ont échangé par téléphone aujourd'hui lundi 2 septembre, au sujet de l'Alliance formée entre Renault et Nissan ainsi que de la coopération industrielle en matière automobile entre les deux pays.

Les deux ministres ont réaffirmé le ferme soutien des gouvernements français et japonais à l'Alliance Renault et Nissan et ont encouragé les deux entreprises à renforcer la compétitivité de l'Alliance. Ils ont également réaffirmé leur objectif commun de renforcer cette coopération profitable aux deux entreprises, comme écrit dans le communiqué de presse conjoint du 10 juin 2019.

Par ailleurs, les deux ministres sont convenus d'instaurer un dialogue pour échanger sur les transformations significatives de l'industrie automobile et pour développer la coopération franco-japonaise dans le secteur de l'industrie automobile, en particulier dans le domaine du véhicule autonome, de la batterie électrique, du véhicule électrique, du véhicule à hydrogène, et de l'accompagnement des fournisseurs de plus petite taille.

Depuis juin, les deux ministères travaillent ensemble à l'organisation de cette coopération industrielle. L'accord de coopération correspondant a été acté ce matin. Il définit le cadre de travail entre les deux parties.



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On 2nd September, 2019, both Ministers exchanged views and shared information about the latest situation about the Alliance formed between Renault and Nissan.

They reaffirmed the strong support of both the French and the Japanese Governments to the Alliance formed between Renault and Nissan and encouraged both companies' sincere discussion to enhance competitiveness of the Alliance and their shared wish to maintain and reinforce this winning cooperation, as originally communicated in a joint press release on 10th June, 2019.

In addition, both governments agreed to establish a policy dialogue on the following five agenda, aimed at sharing information, supporting significant transformations of the environment of the automotive industry, and exchanging opinions concerning the possibility of further cooperation between Japan and France in industrial policy for the automotive industry.

1. Automated/autonomous driving
2. Automotive battery supply chain
3. Electrified vehicle policy and charging infrastructure installation
4. FCV/Hydrogen society
5. Enhancing small and medium-sized supplier

Since June, technical experts on both sides have been working together to deliver the objectives set out above. A memorandum of cooperation has now been agreed and sets the frame work for the continued discussion between both parties.

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Memorandum of Cooperation
on
Automotive Industry
between
Ministry of Economics and Finance of the French Republic
and
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and Ministry of Economics and Finance of the French Republic (hereinafter referred to individually as “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants”) decided to establish a policy dialogue aimed at sharing information, supporting significant transformations of the environment of the automotive industry, and exchanging opinions concerning the possibility of further cooperation between Japan and France in industrial policy for the automotive industry.

This dialogue will be organized in coordination with the cooperation activities conducted in the frame of A) the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan and the Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition of the French Republic on Sustainable and Digital Mobility signed in June 2019 and B) the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Ministry for Ecological and Inclusive Transition of France on Innovation for Energy Transition signed in June 2019 .

The agenda and responsible section of the Participants of this Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) are as follows:

<Agenda>

- 1 . Cooperation concerning improvement of the business environment regarding social implementation of automated/autonomous driving
 - sharing ways of thinking about safety evaluation, identifying potential common positions on security standards and sharing views on issues related to international rules
 - sharing information on the national frameworks enabling experimentation of automated/autonomous driving and identifying potential ways for a closer cooperation, such as sharing test scenarios

- sharing efforts for improvement of social receptivity by exchanging information on acceptability studies
2. Cooperation concerning enhancement of the automotive battery supply chain
 - sharing views on the development of the reuse of batteries and the perspectives of standardization on related issues, such as the residual evaluation of batteries
 - sharing views on efforts for ensuring a level playing field for battery production and enhancing transparency of supply chain of battery resources, by identifying ways to promote ethical sourcing of raw materials
 - sharing views on the perspectives for developing complementary sources of battery-grade raw materials through recycling and identifying opportunities for cooperation
 3. Cooperation concerning electrified vehicle policy and charging infrastructure installation
 - sharing information on public policies aiming at reducing CO2 emission on a Well-to-Wheel basis, as well as on the national coverage of various kinds of charging infrastructure
 - sharing views on innovative charging technologies, such as wireless and bidirectional charging, and identifying potential for increasing cooperation on experiments
 4. Cooperation for penetration of FCV for realizing a hydrogen society
 - sharing knowledge concerning hydrogen station installation for penetration of fuel cell vehicles
 - sharing views on the potential for hydrogen to support the transition to a low carbon economy
 5. Cooperation for enhancing small and medium-sized supplier regarding automotive industry
 - sharing information on the challenges identified by public authorities and the automotive industry regarding the competitiveness of the suppliers, in particular in the context of the transition of the powertrains

<Responsible section>

1. The Participants appoint responsible sections and person in charge respectively to manage cooperative activities in each agenda

2. If either Participant intends to change its responsible section and person in charge, such change will immediately be notified to the other Participant in writing.

<Miscellaneous>

- a) Through information sharing under this MOC, both sides make efforts to find concrete cooperation projects.
- b) This MoC is not legally binding and does not give rise to any rights or obligations under domestic or international law.
- c) Any dispute arising out of the matters of this MoC may be settled amicably between the Participants through negotiations or consultations.
- d) According to the laws and regulations of the two countries and international agreements that are effective for the two countries, the Participants will fully respect relevant intellectual property rights.
- e) This MoC will commence on the date of signing of the Participants.
- f) This MoC may be modified upon mutual written consent by the Participants.
- g) This MoC may be terminated by either Participant by providing a written notice to the other Participant three months in advance.

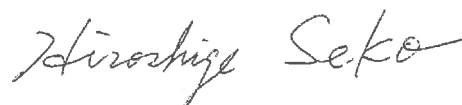
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