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Yuji Sasaki  
Vice Minister for Policy Coordination (International Affairs)  
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)  
Government of Japan

Dear Vice Minister Sasaki,

On behalf of the ICANN organization, I would like to extend you my warmest congratulations on your appointment as Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination (International Affairs) in the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan. I was informed of your appointment by your predecessor, Mr Mabito Yoshida.

Japan is exemplary as a strong supporter of both the multistakeholder model of Internet Governance and a free and open Internet. I am heartened that MIC and ICANN have enjoyed excellent relations over the years.

The Japanese community, including MIC in the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), actively contributes to ICANN's activities. It is this same robust support from Japan which made ICANN64 in Kobe a major success for our international community in 2019. I am glad that MIC remains active in the GAC regardless of the COVID-19 global pandemic since.

I am confident that with your leadership we will continue to foster close cooperation. My Stakeholder Engagement colleagues based in the Asia Pacific region, Jia-Rong Low (jjarong.low@icann.org) and Sabrina Lim (sabrina.lim@icann.org), will be the main coordination points for you and your team. They coordinate closely with Mandy Carver, my Senior Vice President for Government and Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Engagement. Together, we look forward to deepening ICANN's relationship with MIC and Japan.

I wish you every success in your appointment and hope to meet you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



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President and Chief Executive Officer  
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