



New Projects/Agreements and Planned Activities

Japan and Arab Countries have intensified their cooperation through various meetings, visits, projects and agreements. The following list highlights:

- (1) Signing of 10 new documents for cooperation and projects on 10 December 2010 that preceded the 2nd Arab-Japan Economic Forum held in Tunis on 11 and 12 December 2010
- (2) Progress in negotiations on bilateral agreements on investment and taxation.
- (3) Many planned activities by JETRO for trade promotion, by JCCME for enhancing business relationships and by NEXI for supporting the exportation to Arab countries.
- (4) An announcement by Sumitomo Electric Industries on establishing a new wiring harness production facility in Jendouba, Tunisia.
- (5) An announcement by JCCME and JETRO on establishing a web portal site in collaboration with business entities of Arab side to gather and transmit business information.

Note: The list is **NOT** exhaustive and does not include projects of official development assistance of Japan.

1. Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) between Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and the League of Arab States
2. Joint Statement concerning cooperation in the development of concentrating solar power project in Tunisia among Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), Ministry of Development and International Cooperation (MDIC) of Tunisia and Ministry of Industry and Technology (MIT) of Tunisia
3. Memorandum of Understanding concerning cooperation for Tunisia Solar Plan Project No. 14 among NEDO, MDIC of Tunisia and MIT of Tunisia



4. Memorandum on Comprehensive Cooperation concerning Solar Energy among METI, NEDO and Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment of Morocco, Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy (MASEN) and National Office of Electricity, Morocco (ONE)
5. New cooperation in petroleum downstream industry between Japan Cooperation Center, Petroleum (JCCP) and Organization of the Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC)
6. Memorandum of Cooperation concerning bilateral trade and investment cooperation between Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East (JCCME) and General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries (GUCCIAAC)
7. Memorandum of Cooperation concerning bilateral trade and investment cooperation between JCCME and Federation of Arab Businessmen (FAB)
8. Memorandum of Cooperation concerning bilateral trade and investment cooperation between JCCME and Arab Investors Union (AIU)
9. Memorandum of Cooperation concerning bilateral trade and investment cooperation between JCCME and National Investment Committee of Iraq
10. Memorandum of Understanding concerning comprehensive cooperation between Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and Ministry of Economy and Finance of Morocco
11. Signing of the convention for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of Fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income between Japan and Kuwait
12. Signing of the convention for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of tax evasion with respect to taxes on income between Japan and Saudi Arabia
13. Agreement in principle on the bilateral investment treaty between Japan and Kuwait



14. Dispatch of expert to Egypt in Glass Production field by JETRO
15. Dispatch of expert to Jordan in Foodstuff field by JETRO
16. Dispatch of expert to Palestine in Foodstuff field by JETRO
17. Assistance to exhibit at FOODEX from Jordan by JETRO
18. Assistance to exhibit at FOODEX from Palestine by JETRO
19. Assistance to exhibit at FOODEX from Syria by JETRO
20. Mission to Bahrain to promote FDI into Japan by JETRO
21. Mission to Saudi Arabia to promote FDI into Japan by JETRO
22. Pilot Demonstration Projects for Development and Import Schemes in Egypt by JETRO
23. Pilot Demonstration Projects for Development and Import Schemes in Morocco by JETRO
24. Supporting overseas infrastructure and plant business in Egypt (urban rail) by JETRO
25. Exhibiting at the Janadriyah Festival of Saudi Arabia by JETRO
26. Business Seminar for Introduction of Japan's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technologies in Tunisia and Algeria by JCCME
27. Productivity Improvement Seminar for Morocco and Jordan by JCCME
28. 2011 World Future Energy Summit in UAE by JCCME
29. Kuwait Investment Seminar by JCCME
30. The 16th Kuwaiti-Japanese Businessmen's Committee by JCCME
31. Saudi Arabia Industrial Cooperation Forum by JCCME



32. The 12th Saudi-Japan Business Council Joint Meeting by JCCME
33. Business Mission to Egypt by JCCME
34. Support for Hydrocracker Construction in Egypt by NEXI
35. Support for Jubail Refinery and Petrochemical Project in Saudi Arabia by NEXI
36. Support for export by Japanese companies toward Iraq by NEXI
37. Support of export for Sonatrach Gassi Touil Project by Japanese companies in Algeria by NEXI
38. New Wiring Harness Production Facility in Jendouba, Tunisia
39. Promotion of Information Exchange between Japan and Trade and Investment-related Entities <Establishment of a Portal Site>