

Details of Entering into a Memorandum of Cooperation with the China Association for Standardization (CAS)

1. Overview

On November 11, 2019, President & CEO **Toshio Ibi** of the **Japanese Standards Association (JSA)** and Secretary General **Gao Jianzhong** of the **China Association for Standardization (CAS)** signed an agreement at the CAS office in Beijing that promotes mutual cooperation in a wide range of fields related to international standardization.

2. Background

We are seeing the globalization of economies and societies, the innovations of the 4th industrial revolution, the arrival of the Internet of Things, and the aging of populations around the world. As the need for global standards development in new arenas such as services and social systems increases, and the speed of global change increases, it is becoming more and more apparent that individual countries have limitations on their ability to respond accordingly. JSA and CAS, the leading organization on standardization in China, are in full agreement that strengthening collaboration between leading standardization organizations will be even more important in the future, and have jointly entered into a cooperative agreement for purposes including: compiling a wide range of information related to standardization, strengthening the dissemination of the information to stakeholders, and promoting specific cooperation in the development of such international standards as those of the ISO/IEC (International Standards Organization/International Electrotechnical Commission).

JSA, in a continuing effort to construct a system for coordination and cooperation with major European standardization organizations, entered into memorandums of cooperation in 2018 with the British Standards Institution (BSI), the world's largest standards organization, the German Institute for Standardization (DIN), the German Commission for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies of DIN and VDE (DKE), and the French Standardization Association (AFNOR). The cooperation agreement with CAS is the latest of these compacts.

3. Rationale

JSA established a system in June 2017 to develop and publish JSA Standards and Specifications: non-governmental standards that ensure transparency, fairness and objectivity. Through collaboration with CAS, we expect that cooperation of standards development not only in Europe but also in Asia will be strengthened; it will be possible

to collaborate in a wide range of fields from non-governmental standards to international standards such as the ISO/IEC; and it will be easier to respond specifically and flexibly to various standardization needs.

JSA, the national center for standardization in Japan, has finalized a cooperation agreement with CAS in continuation of agreements already made with BSI, DIN, DKE and AFNOR. By entering into agreements with major standardization organizations not only in Europe but also in Asia, we expect that collaboration on global standardization development will be strengthened, the possible range of solutions will be expanded, and the various standardization needs of customers will be provided. In addition, we are currently working on entering into cooperative agreements with other major standardization organizations around the world.

4. Cooperation Agreement Overview

Collaborative activities described in the cooperation agreement with CAS:

- ① Exchange of standardization information, activities to promote standardization
- ② Collaboration on international standardization activities, technical research and human cooperation