

## Announcement of Signing of MoU between JSA Group and CSA Group

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Japanese Standards Association



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### 1. Overview

JSA is pleased to announce that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between JSA Group and Canadian Standard Association (CSA Group), Canada's largest standards developing organization (SDO), was signed on April 10, 2020.

JSA Group and CSA Group intend to promote coordination between the two organizations in international standardization based on the signed MoU.

### 2. Background

Factors such as economic and social globalization, rapid technological innovation and digitalization have led to the growing need for establishing a network in standardization work with different stakeholders in different countries.

In addition, the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic is expected to have transformative economic, social and environmental impacts on the world.

The situational changes are contributing to the emergence of the need for global coordination for addressing new standardization needs associated with the changes.

Reflecting this, JSA Group and CSA Group have agreed to recognize the anticipated growth in the importance of increasing coordination among major SDOs and sign the MoU in order to increase opportunities for standardization-related information exchange and promote further cooperation in developing international standards including ISO/IEC standards.

Prior to the signing of the MoU with CSA Group, JSA had signed a cooperation agreement with BSI (UK), DIN and DKE (Germany), AFNOR (France) as well as CAS (China).

### 3. Expected results of the MoU

The signing of the MoU is believed to result in enhanced coordination between JSA Group and CSA Group in standardization activities taking place in North America, enabling cooperation in a wide range of projects for developing standards ranging from private standards to international standards including ISO/IEC standards.

Furthermore, establishing cooperation agreements with major SDOs in Europe, Asia as well as North America is expected to lead to enhanced coordination between JSA Group and such SDOs in international standardization activities, allowing JSA Group to extend its ability to deliver standardization solutions as well as services designed to meet our customers' individual needs.

To this end, efforts are being made to further build a cooperative relationship with other such SDOs.

### 4. Overview of the MoU

- a) Promote and enhance their communication with a view to achieving a better mutual understanding of their activities and functions;
- b) Share knowledge and exchange best practices regarding their respective standardization activities;
- c) Facilitate cooperation on issues of mutual interest;
- d) Conduct meetings and exchange information between the two organizations, in order to continue building their staff knowledge capacity;
- e) Explore the possibility of organizing and sponsoring conference, workshops, seminars and technical symposia on standardization;
- f) Exchange information on legislative and regulatory acts in the field of standardization; and
- g) Exchange information on possible programs and projects of mutual interest for standards development.

### 5. Overview of CSA Group

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA Group) is the country's largest SDO and was established more than 100 years ago. The group consists of a non-profit organization conducting activities for standards development, publication and education, and a for-profit organization conducting activities for testing, inspection and certification.