

MINISER OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES  
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Mr. Erkki Liikanen  
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Dear Mr. Erkki Liikanen,

I am writing on behalf of the Government of Japan to express our welcome for the formation of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) by the IFRS Foundation and our willingness to actively contribute to the development of global sustainability disclosure standards. I would also like to strongly request the Trustees to utilise the IFRS Foundation Asia-Oceania Office (AO Office), which has already been established in Tokyo, as one of the ISSB's footprints in the Asia-Oceania region. The Japanese government is willing to support this initiative and planning to take budgetary step for direct financial contribution of approximately JPY 110 million (approximately GBP 728,000\*) from the government.

\*calculated at GBP/JPY=151, the exchange rate applied in November 2021

In the press release issued on November 3 this year, the IFRS Foundation announced that further discussion will continue with proposals for offices from Beijing and Tokyo to finalise the ISSB's footprint in the Asia-Oceania region. In this regard, as suggested in the letter from the IFRS Council of Japan in August this year, I strongly support the use of the existing AO Office in Tokyo as a hub for sustainability disclosure in the Asia-Oceania region.

Since its establishment in Tokyo in 2012, the AO Office has been supporting the application of IFRS Accounting standards and assisting the standard-setting activities of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in the region. The Government of Japan and relevant private sector stakeholders are willing to support the AO Office in its activities related to sustainability standards as we have been doing for accounting standards, as well as to make continuous financial contributions for both the funds for the establishment operations of the ISSB and personnel contribution.

I would like to contribute to expansion of presence by the IFRS Foundation in the Asia-Oceania region. Therefore, I strongly desire the IFRS Foundation Trustees to determine the AO Office, which has already been established in Tokyo, as one of the ISSB's footprints in the Asia-Oceania region regarding sustainability disclosure.

Sincerely yours,

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