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Mabito Yoshida
Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination (International Affairs)
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)
Government of Japan

Dear Vice-Minister Yoshida,

On behalf of the ICANN organization, I would like to extend my warm congratulations to you 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, Ms Makiko Yamada.

ICANN and MIC have enjoyed excellent relations over the years. The Japanese community, including MIC in the Governmental Advisory Committee, actively contributes to ICANN's activities.

I am heartened to know that you are familiar with ICANN, and I note your participation in ICANN63 Barcelona as the head of Japan's delegation for our High Level Governmental Meeting. I appreciate the substantive discussion you had at the time on G20 and multistakeholder issues with Sally Costerton, my Senior Advisor and Senior Vice President for Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE). We also appreciate your participation in ICANN64 in Kobe, which as you know showcased Japan's leadership as a strong supporter of both the multistakeholder model of Internet Governance and a free and open Internet.

I am confident that with your leadership we will continue our close cooperation and friendship.

My GSE colleagues based in the Asia Pacific region, Jia-Rong Low (jiarong.low@icann.org) and Sabrina Lim (sabrina.lim@icann.org), will be the main coordination points for you and your team. They coordinate our governmental policy internationally with Mandy Carver, my Senior Vice President for Government Engagement.

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

Yours sincerely,



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