

Recent VIP Visit

Japan–Iceland Foreign Ministers' Meeting



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On May 29, commencing at 7:30 p.m. for approximately 80 minutes, Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs, held a Foreign Ministers' meeting over dinner with H.E. Mr. Gudlaugur Thor Thordarson, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iceland. The overview of the meeting is as follows.

1. At the beginning, Minister Kono welcomed Minister Thordarson's first visit to Japan and stated that he would like to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in a wide range of fields with Iceland, both of which are maritime nations and important partners sharing fundamental values such as the rule of law. In response, Minister Thordarson stated that Japan was an extremely important global partner sharing fundamental values such as the

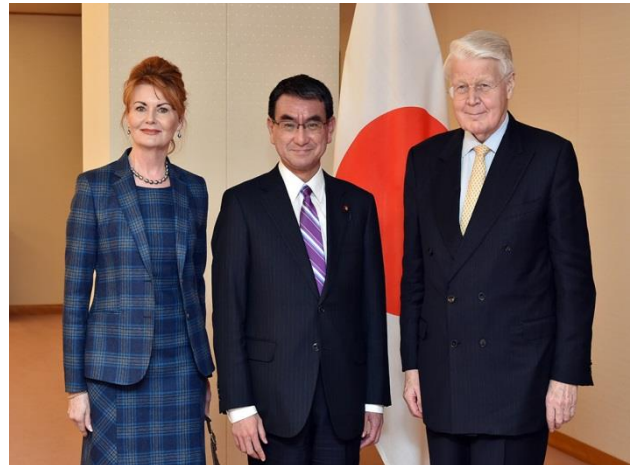
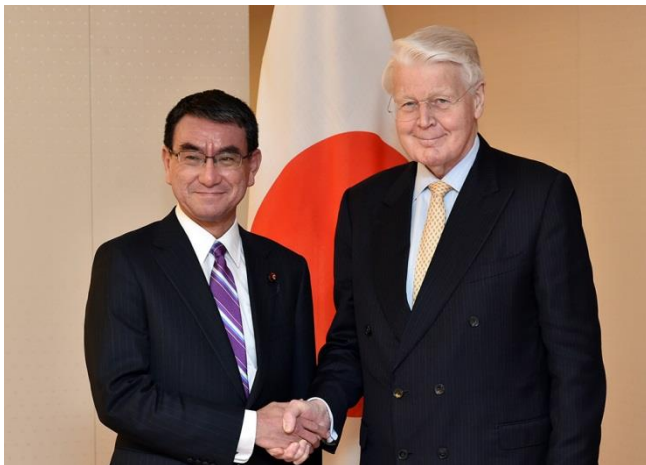
rule of law and human rights, and promoting initiatives for mutual national security and environmental protection. After their greetings, the two Ministers exchanged the notes verbale of [the working holiday program](#), which will come into effect this September.

2. The two Ministers expressed their intentions to collaborate in a broad areas of mutual interest such as the promotion of free trade and investment, the Arctic region, whaling and people-to-people exchanges. In addition, they expressed their expectation for further promotion of mutual investment and economic interchange by taking into effect [the Tax Convention between Japan and Iceland](#), which had been signed earlier.

3. In addition, the two Ministers had an exchange of views on [North Korea](#) and other regional affairs.

H.E. Mr. Grímsson, Former President of Iceland, pays a courtesy call on Mr. Taro Kono, Foreign Minister of Japan in Tokyo

On the 9th of February, H.E. Mr. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, Former President of Iceland, paid a courtesy call on Mr. Taro Kono, Foreign Minister of Japan in Tokyo. Bilateral relations between Japan and Iceland, and the importance of environment protection and sustainable development in the Arctic were discussed during the meeting.



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Visit from House of Councillors, The National Diet of Japan

During the visit, the delegation had meetings with Minister of Social Affairs and Equality, Mr. Þorsteinn Víglundsson as well as Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Mr. Árnason. Furthermore, the delegation paid a courtesy visit to Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Althingi and the Deputy Mayor of the Reykjavik city at the City Hall, where they also met a director for education and a project manager to learn about the pre-school system of the Reykjavik city. The delegation had an opportunity to visit one of the pre-schools in the city as well.



Visit from House of Councillors, The National Diet of Japan

Members of House of Councillors, The National Diet of Japan paid a visit to Iceland between 20th and 22nd of July 2017. During the visit, the members visited the Althingi, the Icelandic parliament and exchanged opinions with Vice Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Althingi, Mr. Vilhjálmur Bjarnason and others. Furthermore, the members visited the Hellisheiði geothermal power plant.



Visit of Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mr. Hirokazu Matsuno paid a visit to Iceland for the first time between 18th and 20th of July 2017. During the visit, the Minister had meetings with Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Gudlaugur Thór Thórdarson and Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Education, Ms. Ásta Magnúsdóttir and others. Furthermore, the Minister paid a visit to the Össur company and the Hellisheiði geothermal power plant. At the University of Iceland, the Minister exchanged opinions with pro-rector, Prof. Guðbjörg Linda Rafnsdóttir.

