



# Strengthening UK-Japan Relationship (May 2011)



## Japan in the UK

**Investment:** JP: No2 investor in UK  
UK: No1 investment destination in EU for Japan  
£22bn in total, 120 Europe HQs of JP businesses in UK  
Nissan, Toyota and Honda: 50% of vehicles manufactured in UK

**Jobs:** more than 130,000 jobs created by JP companies

**Exports:** 1/2 UK car exports=JP brands

**Finance:** JP households financial assets: \$16.3tn

**Cooperation in Advanced Technology inc. R&D(148 R&D bases)**  
> High-Speed Trains(Hitachi) > Hybrid/Electric Cars (Toyota, Nissan)

**Importance of launching negotiations on Japan-EU EPA**  
€43.4bn additional EU exports to JP expected

## Importance of Japan in Asia: UK's closest partner in Asia

**Further Deepening of the JP-US Security Alliance**  
"public good" of the region maintained by JP's contribution

**Urging China to be a more Responsible Member :**

Climate change, WTO, IPR, Human rights, Military transparency and Disarmament, Exchange rate, Denuclearisation of DPRK, Iran, Aid in Africa, Maritime activities, Rare minerals

**Importance of maintaining EU's arms embargo**

← *Uncertainty/Instability of East Asian security environment*  
← *human rights situation*

## Global Agenda: JP-UK Cooperation

**Afghanistan:** US-UK-JP = Top Contributors (JP package in Nov 09: \$5bn over 5 years from 2009).

JP: Principal Donor for the Reintegration Fund (\$50m), co-chairing with the UK

**Pakistan:** Package of \$500m assistance announced at the Pakistan Development Forum on 15 Nov 2010

**Iran:** Close coordination with EU3; US & EU-level measures announced in Sep 2010

**Libya:** JP: Member of Contact Group, Emergency Aid (\$5m) on 11 March 2011

**North Korea:** Nuclear, Missile and Abduction issues etc.

**Piracy:** Navy vessels/aircraft to the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia (2 destroyers, 2 P-3C patrol aircraft)

**Climate Change:** JP & UK: Promoting low-carbon economy, Aiming for a comprehensive legally binding agreement

**Global Governance:** UNSC reform, G7/G8, G20 etc. (cf. UN contribution: JP 12.5% ←→ China 3.1%, Russia 1.6%)

**\*Voting pattern in UN General Assembly (2009/2010) :** JP-UK (285/301) > JP-US(255/301), UK-US(270/301)