

**Joint Statement**  
**between the Minister of the Environment of Japan**  
**and the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment of Singapore**

The Minister of the Environment of Japan, H.E. Mr. Nishimura Akihiro, and the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment of Singapore, H.E. Ms. Grace Fu,

Recognising the longstanding cooperation between both Ministries on environmental protection, sustainable development and climate change;

Acknowledging the strong ties and meaningful exchanges between both Ministries, including through the Memorandum of Cooperation on Environmental Matters signed in 2017 and discussions at the Seventh Policy Dialogue hosted by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan on 9 February 2023;

Reaffirming the joint commitment to enhancing ASEAN's capacity to address climate change, environmental protection, and biodiversity, including through the Strategic Programme for ASEAN Climate and Environment (SPACE) and the ASEAN-Japan Climate Change Action Agenda 2.0;

Recognising the centrality of high integrity carbon markets for climate action and transparency in the development of carbon markets;

Consent to:

- a) Exchange information and best practices on sustainable development and environmental protection, including on circular economy and waste management;
- b) Explore mutual recognition of green and/or eco labels to enhance trade for goods and services that meet environmental and sustainability standards;

- c) Collaborate on regional capacity building initiatives and joint workshops for the ASEAN region, including through the Strategic Programme for ASEAN Climate and Environment (SPACE), the Partnership to Strengthen Transparency for co-Innovation (PaSTI), and the Sustainability Action Package under the Singapore Cooperation Programme;
- d) Strengthen capacity building for the development of high integrity carbon markets (including through activities under the Paris Agreement Article 6 Implementation Partnership), collaborate towards the establishment of high integrity carbon markets in the ASEAN region; and
- e) Exchange perspectives and pursue shared objectives at inter-governmental organisations as well as multilateral agreements, outcomes and initiatives, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with 17 SDGs, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on Plastic Pollution.