

**Statement by KOIZUMI Shinjiro, Minister of the Environment Japan
on the US's return to the Paris Agreement**

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On his first day as the 46th President of the United States, Mr. Joe Biden issued an executive order to rejoin the Paris Agreement. As the coronavirus pandemic continues, it remains vital for the international community to work together to tackle the growing climate crisis. I warmly welcome this positive move which will contribute to the success of COP26.

While the United States is the world's second-largest greenhouse gas emitter, the country is also keen to develop and introduce progressive policies and concrete actions supported by breakthrough technologies to address climate change and other environmental issues. The United States' active participation in the Paris Agreement is essential to achieving a decarbonized society as envisioned in the Agreement.

Mr. John Kerry as Special Presidential Envoy for Climate and Ms. Gina McCarthy as National Climate Advisor also formally took office. I look forward to working closely with both of them to ensure the success of COP26 this November and to advance our joint efforts to realize a decarbonized society by 2050.

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