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Hiroshi 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, congratulations on your appointment as Vice Minister for Policy Coordination (International Affairs)! I was informed of your appointment by your predecessor Mr. Yuji Sasaki.

MIC and ICANN have enjoyed excellent relations over the years. Even amidst the pandemic, the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) representatives from MIC continue to contribute actively to ICANN's activities, and we have collaborated closely to support the Publishers' Alliance in Japan in the past year.

Japan has been a strong supporter of the multistakeholder model of Internet Governance and a free and open Internet. I look forward to Japan's hosting of IGF 2023, and hope that we will be able to meet in person in the near future.

My Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement based in the Asia Pacific region, Jia-Rong Low (<a href="mailto:jiarong.low@icann.org">jiarong.low@icann.org</a>) will be the main coordination point for you and your team. He coordinates closely with Mandy Carver, my Senior Vice President for Government and Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Engagement. Together, we look forward to further deepening ICANN's relationship with MIC and Japan.

I wish you every success in your new appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Göran Marby

President and Chief Executive Officer

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