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Chile and Japan: Deepening ties across the Pacific

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Japan and Chile are looking toward the future together, building on a longstanding friendship that will soon celebrate 130 years. For over a century, our two countries have been developing a close and trusted relationship, strengthened by cooperation across strategic areas, including trade, innovation, defense, renewable energy, mining and many others. This enduring partnership continues to deepen through regular and fruitful dialogue, high-level exchanges and a shared commitment to building a prosperous and sustainable future for both countries.



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Just last month, our Minister of Foreign Affairs, Francisco Pérez, visited Tokyo and met with his counterpart, Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi, several Japanese authorities and representatives of Japanese companies with extensive investments in Chile. His visit confirmed the trust that the Japanese public and private sectors place in our country, as well as their appreciation for Chile's stability and trajectory. Japan is currently the largest Asian investor in Chile, with more than \$7.7 billion invested across key ar-

reas, including energy, mining, global services and the food industry.

Our bilateral trade is also growing steadily, increasing by more than 5% in 2025 to reach \$10.6 billion. Seafood products stand out on the Chilean side, particularly salmon and trout, with exports increasing by 8.6% to \$1.3 billion. At the same time, we see new opportunities in areas such as aquaculture solutions, AgriTech, HealthTech and other emerging sectors, connecting Chilean startups with Japan's vibrant innovation ecosystem. Chilean innovation is also finding its place in Japan, reflected in Chile's participation in the Tokyo Game Show for more than 10 years. This year, six Chilean video game companies will take part, further strengthening these connections.

Our people-to-people exchanges are also growing, with nearly 24,000 Chileans visiting Japan in 2025, a 28% increase from 2024 and three times the figure recorded in 2015. This growth brings our cultures closer and fosters greater mutual understanding. It is complemented by the successful Working Holiday Program, which allows 200 young Chileans each year to experience life and work in Japan.

In the field of science

and technology, the 1st Meeting of the Chile-Japan Joint Committee on Cooperation in Science and Technology was held virtually last December, bringing together representatives from ministries, funding agencies, universities and research institutions. Established under the 2023 bilateral agreement in these areas, the Committee serves as the main mechanism for promoting



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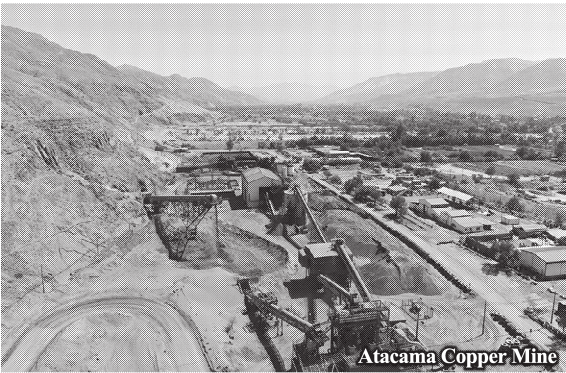
cooperation in science, technology and innovation, while identifying priority areas for collaboration.

This year also marked the reopening of the Defense Attaché's Office at the Embassy of Chile in Japan, after a 44-year absence since 1982. The office holds particular signifi-

cance, given the deep defense ties between our countries. The earliest bonds between our nations were forged across the Pacific by sea, long before diplomatic relations were established in 1897. We are confident that this renewed presence will open a new chapter in our

longstanding friendship as well as strengthening our path toward a strategic defense partnership and deeper cooperation. From the Pacific that brought us together to the challenges ahead, Chile and Japan remain committed to moving forward side by side.

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