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Directorate General MOVE

Signature of a Memorandum of Cooperation between Japan and the European Commission’s Directorate General for Mobility and Transport- (MOVE) on SESAR (Air Traffic Management)

On the occasion of the Japan-EU Transport Dialogue on the 19th July, the European Commission’s Director General for Mobility and Transport, Mr. Ruete and the Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Mr. Ohkuchi, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) in the area of SESAR, Europe’s Air Traffic Management modernization program.

This MoC will establish a framework of cooperation between Japan’s long term vision of the future air transportation system, CARATS\(^\text{1}\), and EU’s SESAR\(^\text{3}\) program.

This agreement strengthens the mutual understanding between Japan and the EU in the development of their respective future air traffic managements systems. Each region will share its roadmaps, among other activities. This will enhance the working-level cooperation for the implementation of interoperable and seamless air traffic management systems worldwide.

\(\text{(1) CARATS = Collaborative Actions for Renovation of Air Traffic Systems} \\
\text{(2) ATM = Air Traffic Management} \\
\text{(3) SESAR = Single European Sky ATM Research}\)