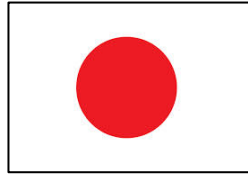
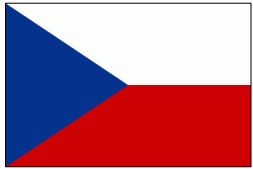


# Czech-Japanese Trade Relations in European context



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# Presentation Outline



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- ➔ Czech and Japanese economic relations
- ➔ CZ PRES and EU Japan Economic Partnership Agreement
- ➔ Trade Aspects of Green Deal
- ➔ Cooperation in Research&Development

# Czech Japanese relations

- ➔ 100-year anniversary of Czech-Japanese diplomatic relations in 2020
- ➔ Japan 3rd most important trading partner in Asia Pacific region and 2nd most important foreign investor in CR in terms of amount of FDI in 2020 (4 bn. USD from 1993 – 2019)
- ➔ Japan is the third largest business partner of the Czech Republic in Asia-Pacific region
- ➔ Czech Export to Japan: **Goods** 986 mil. USD (2020), **Services** 105 mil. USD (2020)
- ➔ Czech Import from Japan: **Goods** 2,88 bn. USD (2020), **Services** 285 mil USD (2020)



Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš at enthronement of Emperor Naruhito, 2019



Manufacturing  
Industry  
Production



Technology Centers  
R&D Centers



Business support

Shared service centers, SW  
development centers, High tech  
repair centers, Data centers

# Czech Presidency in the EU Council



➔ from July 1st until December 31st 2022

## ➔ CZ PRES Priorities

- Supporting new/renewal of Free Trade Agreements negotiations
- WTO Reform
- Fit for 55
- Enforcing Single market rules
- EU Industrial Strategy
- Finalizing of DSA and DMA
- Telecommunications – flexible regulation of data economy and AI

# EU JAP Economic Partnership Agreement

- ➔ The EU Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) was signed in July 2018 and entered into force on February 1st, 2019.
- ➔ Main benefits of the EU – JAP EPA:
  - The EU has liberalized 99% of tariff lines and 100% of imports and Japan 97% of tariff lines and 99% of imports.
  - Removing non-tariff barriers (NTBs) is one of the most important parts of the economic agreement to European exporters.



# EU Green Deal – Trade Aspects



- ➔ EU aims to transform its economy towards greater sustainability and become a global leader in this field.
- ➔ Sustainable development commitments are gradually being strengthened in free trade agreements.
- ➔ The Czech Republic considers the link between sustainable development and trade to be an important aspect and at the same time supports trade agreements to contribute to the implementation of climate commitments under the Paris Agreement.
- ➔ We support the integration of trade and sustainable development (TSD) chapters into EU FTAs.

# Czech and Japanese R&D cooperation

- ➔ **Innovation Strategy of the Czech Republic 2019-2030:** **The TREND** program to support applied research in companies and **The Country For The Future** program to support innovative entrepreneurship
  - **TREND:** To support long-term cooperation between companies and research organizations (allocation CZK 1.5 billion)
  - **The Country For The Future:** To support innovation in SMEs (allocation CZK 1 billion)
- ➔ New and fundamental activity is the approved National Recovery Plan, which envisages financial strengthening of existing research and development programs and allocates CZK 13,2 billion



# Czech and Japanese R&D cooperation - hydrogen

- ➔ Shared interest of Japan and CR – using **Hydrogen** as source of energy (Czech vs Japanese Hydrogen strategy)
  - ➔ CR and Japan have their own hydrogen strategies
  - ➔ Existing contacts:
    - ➔ Participation of H. E. K. Havlíček in Japan Ministerial Hydrogen Conference (October 2021)
    - ➔ Cooperation between Czech producer of pressure cylinders (Cylinders Holding Co.) and Japanese partners (Nippon Steel Corp.)
    - ➔ Imports of Toyota Mirai cars to the Czech Republic





# Czech and Japanese R&D cooperation

- ➔ 2021 - Year of Czech science, education and innovation in Japan declared by the Czech Embassy in Tokyo (prepared in Cooperation with CzechInvest and MIT)
  - „*Innovation Leaders Summit 2021*“ (March 2021) – 17 Czech participants
  - Czech participation at the „*VR/AR/MR World Fair in Tokyo*“
  - webinar „*How to prepare for the challenges of carbon neutrality in European supply chains*“ (December 2021 or January 2022)
  - „*Czech – Japanese Innovation Days*“ (February 2022)
- ➔ Strategic International Collaborative Research Program (SICORP) between Japan and Visegrad Group countries
  - 5 projects for 2022 - 2025 awarded, all with Czech participation
  - projects focused on advanced materials

# Thank you for your attention



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