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Japan-India Foreign Ministers' Telephone Talk

On June 4, Mr. Kono Taro, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, held a telephone talk with H.E. Dr S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India. The overview of the telephone talk is as follows.

1. At the beginning, Foreign Minister Kono extended his congratulations on the appointment of External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, who has very close ties with Japan. Foreign Minister Kono expressed his view that toward the realization of a free and open Indo-Pacific, the role and responsibility of India as a global power is extremely huge. Foreign Minister Kono also stated that it is Prime Minister Abe's turn to visit India this year, and he hopes to keep in touch and cooperate with External Affairs Minister Jaishankar more closely than ever. Foreign Minister Kono invited External Affairs Minister Jaishankar to the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in November, and stated that he would like to welcome External Affairs Minister Jaishankar in Japan at an early timing to discuss wide-ranging issues. Foreign Minister Kono went on to state that he would like to coordinate the schedule to hold a "2+2" Ministerial Meeting as soon as possible which Japan and India agreed to hold.
2. In response, External Affairs Minister Jaishankar expressed his sincere gratitude for Foreign Minister Kono's words of congratulations. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar stated that he would like to meet Foreign Minister Kono at various occasions such as international conferences, and visit Japan at an early stage. He also stated that with Foreign Minister Kono, he hopes to further expand the scope of cooperation with Japan with which India enjoys special relationship, and looks forward to meeting Foreign Minister Kono again soon.