

May 24, 2025

Meeting between Minister Akazawa and Secretary Lutnick

On May 23, commencing at 10:45 a.m. local time (11:45 p.m., May 23, Japan time) for approximately 90 minutes, Mr. AKAZAWA Ryosei, Minister in charge of Economic Revitalization of Japan, visiting Washington D.C., the United States of America, held a meeting with the Honorable Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce of the United States of America.

1. Minister Akazawa held a candid discussion with Secretary Lutnick regarding the series of tariff measures by the United States. He also strongly urged a reconsideration of these tariff measures.
2. Building on that, both sides affirmed their commitment to continuing consultations in a candid and constructive manner, with the aim of reaching an agreement that would be mutually beneficial for both Japan and the United States at the earliest possible opportunity.