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Minister Akazawa's Telephone Talk with Secretary Lutnick

1. On July 8, commencing at 12:45 p.m., for approximately 40 minutes, Mr. AKAZAWA Ryosei, Minister in charge of Economic Revitalization of Japan, held a telephone talk with the Honorable Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce of the United States of America.

2. Following Japan's receipt of the letter concerning the U.S. tariff measures, both sides engaged in a frank and in-depth discussion. They concurred to continue vigorous consultations between the two countries.

3. Japan will continue to explore ways for a mutually beneficial agreement with the United States.