

Consultation between Minister Akazawa and Secretary Lutnick, and Consultation between Minister Akazawa and Secretary Bessent

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1. On August 7 (local time), during his visit to Washington D.C, Mr. AKAZAWA Ryosei, Minister in charge of Economic Revitalization of Japan, held a consultation with the Honorable Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce of the United States of America, commencing at 10:30, for approximately 180 minutes, and a consultation with the Honorable Scott Bessent, Secretary of Treasury of the United States of America, commencing at 16:15, for approximately 30 minutes.
2. The both sides once again confirmed the importance of steadily implementing initiatives that will benefit both Japan and the U.S. under the recent agreement between Japan and the U.S..
3. In this context, Minister Akazawa confirmed once again the contents of the agreement on reciprocal tariffs and urged the U.S. to take measures to correct the Executive Order on reciprocal tariffs as soon as possible, and to issue an Executive Order to reduce tariffs on automobiles and automobile parts.
4. Japan will continue to communicate closely with the U.S. at various levels.