



Statement by Mr TOKURA, Chairperson of the Association on the "Honorary Presidency of His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Akishino."

His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Akishino has been appointed as Honorary President of the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan. This is a great honour, pleasure and encouragement to all of us involved in the Expo. We have long been requesting His Imperial Highness Prince Akishino to be appointed Honorary President of the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, and thanks to the efforts of the Prime Minister, the Minister in charge of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan and other relevant government authorities, His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Akishino will accept the position on 13 April. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those involved. 13 April this year marks a major milestone, exactly two years before the opening of the Expo (13 April 2025). On this auspicious day, we will start afresh, renew our commitment to the theme of the Expo, "Designing Future Society for Our Lives", and strive to realise our goal of showing the world hope for the future by protecting the life of every individual and rethinking how life should be and how we should live it. We look forward to your continued understanding and support.