Press release

SACE and JBIC strengthen cooperation to support strategic projects and industrial partnerships between Italy and Japan

Tokyo, November 20, 2026 – SACE, Italy's Export Credit Agency, and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in support of strategic international projects and promote new opportunities for Italian and Japanese companies.

The agreement was signed by **Michele Pignotti, Chief Executive Officer of SACE**, and Kazuhiko Amakawa, Governor of JBIC, during a bilateral meeting in Tokyo.

The partnership aims to enhance collaboration between the two institutions, with a particular focus on strategic infrastructure, energy transition and supply chain resilience. Through the agreement, SACE and JBIC intend to explore opportunities to support international projects involving Italian and Japanese companies, leveraging their respective expertise and institutional networks.

The cooperation will also seek to foster stronger industrial ties between Italy and Japan, facilitating the participation of companies from both countries in international projects and value chains and identifying new opportunities in sectors of mutual strategic interest.

About SACE

SACE is Italy's Export Credit Agency, wholly owned by the Ministry of Economy and Finance. It specializes in supporting the growth of Italian companies through a wide range of instruments and solutions to foster exports and competitiveness, including risk management and protection, financial guarantees, factoring, advisory services, and business matching. With a network of export advisors across 23 offices in Italy and in high-potential markets for Made in Italy, SACE manages a portfolio of insured operations and guaranteed investments worth around €290 billion across 200 markets worldwide.

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About JBIC

JBIC is a policy-based financial institution of Japan, and conducts lending, investment and guarantee operations while complementing the private sector financial institutions. JBIC's mission is to contribute to the sound development of Japan and the international economy and society by conducting its operations in the following four fields: promoting the overseas development and securement of resources, maintaining

and improving the international competitiveness of Japanese industries, preserving the global environment, and preventing disruptions to international financial order.