

**Attendance of His Excellency Hiroyasu Kobayashi, Ambassador to New Zealand at  
The Japan New Zealand Business Council's 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting**

On 18 September, Ambassador Kobayashi attended and addressed his congratulatory remarks to the 46<sup>th</sup> Japan New Zealand Business Council's Annual Joint Meeting which was held in Kashiwa city in Chiba prefecture. The annual joint meeting has taken place alternately in both countries every year since 1974 and includes comprehensive discussions regarding closer economic relations between Japan and New Zealand along with timely themes focusing on trade and investment between the two countries.

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting was attended by many participants from industry, academia and government and active discussions took place on a broad range of topics covering the "current situation and economic outlook for NZ & Japan in CPTPP, RCEP and the global economy", "infrastructure & investment", "sustainable development/renewable energy including forestry", "agriculture functional foods" and "innovation (AI, VR etc) start-ups" during the two day meeting on 18-19 September.

<Ambassador Kobayashi's Address>

[https://www.nz.emb-japan.go.jp/about\\_us/documents/Speech%20for%20The%2046th%20Joint%20Meeting%20of%20JNZBC.pdf](https://www.nz.emb-japan.go.jp/about_us/documents/Speech%20for%20The%2046th%20Joint%20Meeting%20of%20JNZBC.pdf)



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