

(Provisional translation)

## Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Kentaro Sonoura's visit to Australia

On March 24 (Tuesday) Mr Kentaro Sonoura, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs visited Australia. The outline of his visit is as follows.

### Visit to Australia (Canberra and Sydney, March 24)

- (1) On March 23 Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Kentaro Sonoura visited Canberra to meet with Minister for Justice the Hon Michael Keenan MP and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Hon Steven Ciobo. In these talks, they exchanged views on the response to damage caused by the recent Cyclone Pam and were in agreement that both countries will discuss at a working-level the means to support the region in a mutually contributive form, in addition to strengthening future cooperation in the field of disaster relief support.
- (2) On that same day Parliamentary Vice-Minister Sonoura also visited Sydney and met with people involved with local Japanese-affiliated companies. In these talks he engaged in active conversations regarding means of further accelerating trade and investment between the two countries.



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