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Luncheon Meeting between Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Miyake and Northern Territory Chief Minister Fyles

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On 19 July, commencing at 12.30pm for approximately 90 minutes, Mr MIYAKE Shingo, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, participated in a luncheon at the Official Residence of the Australian Embassy in Tokyo hosted by Mr Peter Roberts OAM, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim, and exchanged views with The Hon. Natasha Fyles, Chief Minister of Northern Territory, Australia, who was visiting Japan. The overview of their meeting is as follows.

1. Parliamentary Vice-Minister Miyake welcomed Chief Minister Fyles, whose visit to Japan was her first overseas visit since assuming office. Stating that the Northern Territory is an important partner from the perspective of energy security among others, Parliamentary Vice-Minister Miyake also expressed his intention to further strengthen the “Special Strategic Partnership” between Japan and Australia. In addition, he expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Fyles for her heartfelt condolences upon the passing of former Prime Minister ABE Shinzo, which she extended via social media using images of the former Prime Minister during his 2018 visit to Darwin.
2. In response, Chief Minister Fyles stated that cooperation is progressing broadly across the energy sector including LNG, CCS (carbon capture and storage) and hydrogen.

The Parliamentary Vice-Minister and the Chief Minister agreed to take the opportunity of this visit to Japan to further strengthen the relationship between Japan and the Northern Territory.

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