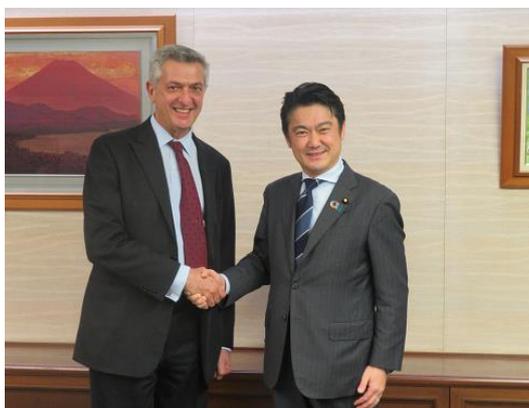


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Minister Yamashita welcomed Mr. Grandi and, with a view to achieving the common goal of protecting refugees, extended his appreciation to the UNHCR for its continuing and extensive cooperation on the basis of firm trust and close ties between UNHCR and Ministry of Justice. Furthermore, he stated his intention to enhance Japan's cooperative relationship with the UNHCR.



Justice Minister Yamashita (right) receives courtesy visit from Commissioner Grandi (left)

Mr. Grandi, in return, referred to the strong relationship developed between the UNHCR Representation in Japan and the Ministry of Justice, adding that he looks forward to continuing the cooperative relationship and to providing constant support to the Ministry.



Justice Minister Yamashita exchanges views with Commissioner Grandi