

JSA Signed Agreement with AFNOR

On October 15 2018, at AFNOR in Paris, France, Mr. Toshio Ibi, President of JSA (Japanese Standards Association) and Mr. Olivier Peyrat, Director General of AFNOR signed an Agreement of Cooperation. Under the newly signed Agreement, we intend to enhance collaboration across a wide range of areas, including joint development of standards for new technical fields, such as services, social systems and advanced technologies, as well as private sector-based cooperation in the international standardization field.

Recently, in March 26 2018, JSA signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with BSI (British Standards Institution) in Tokyo as part of our effort to build a cooperative framework with leading standardization bodies in Europe. On June 13 2018, JSA also signed an Agreement of Cooperation with DIN (DEUTSCHES INSTITUT FÜR NORMUNG E. V.) and DKE (German Commission for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies of DIN and VDE). The newly signed Agreement of Cooperation with AFNOR is JSA's third agreement with a European leading standardization body.

In June 2017, JSA, as a Japanese national standardization center, established a system with ensured transparency, fairness and objectivity to develop and publish newly created private sector standards called JSA standards and specifications (JSAS). Our agreements with AFNOR, DIN/DKE and BSI will help strengthen our coordination with European standards bodies in standards development activities and enable us to collaborate with them on standards at various levels from private sector standards through international standards such as ISO and IEC, giving us an enhanced ability to respond to various standardization needs in a timely, precise and flexible manner. To further increase the ability, JSA is actively engaged in building a cooperative framework with other major standardization bodies.

The main collaborative activities set forth in the Agreement with AFNOR are as follows:

- Co-development of standards and specifications
- Cooperation in international standardization activities at ISO/IEC
- Exchange of information on standards development programs and mechanisms within the countries, meetings of experts from the countries, capacity building ,etc.
- Co-hosting of seminar, symposium, etc.