



ROMA



**Joint Communiqué of
the City of Rome (Republic of Italy)
and
the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (Japan)**

On the occasion of the governor of Tokyo's visit to the city of Rome, Italian Republic, in this year, which marks the 30th anniversary of the friendship city relationship between Tokyo and Rome, a meeting was held between Governor Koike Yuriko of Tokyo and Mayor Roberto Gualtieri of Rome on February 5, 2026, at Rome City Hall.

Building on the discussions they held at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government office last September, the two leaders reaffirmed the value of the relationship cultivated between the two cities since becoming friendship cities in 1996.

The governor of Tokyo commented that amid the growing role of cities, which are the foundation of people's lives, it is vital to enhance urban resilience against common challenges such as the climate crisis and natural disasters, and for that reason, stronger intercity cooperation is indispensable. She also expressed her intention to enhance both cities' appeal through efforts including sustainable cooperation in the areas of tourism and culture, expansion of citizen interactions through sports and learning opportunities, and initiatives using startups to solve urban challenges.

Recalling the upcoming 30th anniversary of the Rome–Tokyo Friendship Pact and Italy–Japan relations, the mayor of Rome reaffirmed Rome's commitment to further strengthening bilateral cooperation. He highlighted the shared priorities of inclusive societies, safe and healthy cities, environmental sustainability, and innovation, including collaboration within international city networks such as G-NETS, C40, U20, and OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth, as well as initiatives supporting startups. The Mayor also underlined the value of cultural exchange and economic cooperation as key drivers for strengthening ties between the two capitals.

Along with expressing respect and support for each other's ideas, and confirming their common understanding on deepening cooperation, the two leaders promised to strive together to resolve issues common to the world's megapolises and to enhance the interests of their residents.

February 5, 2026

Koike Yuriko
Governor of Tokyo

Roberto Gualtieri
Mayor of Rome