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Dialogue between the NBM and the Embassy of Japan on bilateral cooperation and economic reforms

On 16 July 2025, at the NBM headquarters, the Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Anca Dragu, held talks with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Moldova, His Excellency Yamada Yoichiro. The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral relations, the macroeconomic situation in the Republic of Moldova, and the role of the NBM in the country's accession process to the European Union by consolidating a stable, secure financial system that is compatible with European standards.

During the meeting, the Governor of the NBM emphasized that the central bank remains firmly committed to enhancing the efficiency of monetary policy, with a focus on maintaining price stability and promoting sustainable economic growth.

One of the central topics of the dialogue was the European integration process of the Republic of Moldova, focusing on progress in harmonizing the national legislative framework with that of the European Union in the financial sector, as well as the challenges of aligning the sector with European norms and standards.

In this context, the Governor of the NBM mentioned the importance of the Republic of Moldova's acceptance into the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), emphasizing that this achievement is a major step in the process of European financial integration.

Ms. Anca Dragu expressed appreciation for Japan's openness to deepening bilateral cooperation and its constant support for the development of the Republic of Moldova.

"This support plays an important role in strengthening macroeconomic stability and accelerating the implementation of structural reforms necessary for the European path of the Republic of Moldova. We are committed to continuing this constructive dialogue for the modernization of the Moldovan financial sector and the achievement of European integration objectives."

Cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and Japan is carried out within the framework of a strategic partnership consolidated by 40 bilateral agreements and six projects currently under negotiation, including the implementation of the "Development Policy for Economic Recovery" program supported by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), launched in July 2023.

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