

## Joint Press Release

Mr. Masahiko YAMADA, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery of Japan and Mr. Changfu HAN, the Minister of Agriculture of the Peoples Republic of China met in Beijing on August 27, 2010 and confirmed their intentions to strengthen the cooperation in the tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) for conservation and sustainable use of world tuna resources. In particular, the following points were recognized as specific future actions to achieve the common goal.

- Both sides intend to cooperate to restrict the uncontrolled increase of large tuna purse seine fishing vessels in Western and Central Pacific Ocean.
- The Chinese side intends to prevent its large tuna purse seine fishing vessels from increasing over the current level (owned by Chinese fishing companies) in Western and Central Pacific Ocean.
- The Japanese side intends to work with the Chinese side to increase the Chinese bigeye catch limits/quotas through quota transfer or other available actions in RFMOs so as to alleviate the difficulties of shortage the Chinese fishing industry is facing.