

## Significance of New Zealand

### ■ Japan's Key Partner for Asia-Pacific Diplomacy and Economic Diplomacy

- Strongly promoting free trade and demonstrating her strength in multilateral negotiations  
→Major partner for economic rule-making in the region such as TPP and RCEP
- Grant influence in the Pacific Islands region (NZ allocates 50-60% of her ODA to the region)  
→Important partner in Japan's Pacific Islands diplomacy including the PALM process

### ■ Reinforcing the present broad and deep friendly Relations

- Sharing common values such as democracy and the rule of law
- Complementary economic relations  
(NZ is the only developed country that concluded a FTA with China; Chinese presence is rapidly expanding in recent years.)
- Contributing jointly to the Asia-Pacific region as a member of EAS and APEC
- Activate bilateral cooperation including on disaster management as well as renewable energy  
(Both Japan and New Zealand have experienced devastating earthquakes in 2011)
- Active people-to-people exchange  
→Enjoy good relationship between Japan and New Zealand

## Outcome

### ■ Sharing values and vision and affirming strategic cooperative partnership

- cooperate towards stability based on the rule of law, while the strategic environment changes in the region.
- strengthen dialogue and closer cooperation on various areas such as regional frameworks, development assistance and global issues
- strengthen closer cooperation in the Pacific Islands region, reaffirm cooperation on the PALM process

### ■ Strengthen cooperation on regional economic partnerships

- strengthen closer cooperation in high quality economic rule-making in the Asia-Pacific region including through TPP and RCEP negotiations

### ■ Share strategic perceptions in the Asia-Pacific region and strengthen closer cooperation

- Demonstrate the importance of Japan-NZ's good relationship, through people-to-people exchanges including at high-level and policy consultations