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Joint statement of French, German and Japanese participants on AI collaboration aimed at tackling planetary-scale problems in the Anthropocene

The 2nd French-German-Japanese Symposium, organised by the Embassy of France to Japan, DWIH Tokyo, and AI Japan R&D Network, brought together stakeholders from academia, industry, government and civil society from the three participating countries in virtual space to discuss the subject of "Human-centric Artificial Intelligence". This human-centric approach was the central message of the first joint statement of 2018, and as a shared value of the three countries, the importance of human-AI collaboration was discussed in this event with respect to various topics such as health, agriculture, risk prevention, education, and democracy. Humanity is currently facing planetary-scale challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and community fragmentation.

In preparation for our third symposium in 2022, we will address the issues we face in the Anthropocene, the epoch in which humanity is having a profound impact on the planet, including its ecosystems, from a broader perspective that includes not only humans and AI technologies, but also the environment we live in. The three countries of France, Germany, and Japan, which share the same values and social challenges, will be at the core of these efforts, and will invite other regions and countries to exchange ideas on how AI can help to solve these challenges, not for a single nation or company alone, but for the benefit of all of humanity and our planet itself.

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