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Future digital society and economy will rely strongly on emerging 5th generation or 5G technologies. These will not only bring about a steady evolution of mobile broadband networks, but also new innovative services through new infrastructures. 5G will drive a paradigm shift in multiple domains including intelligent transportation systems, factories of the future, smart cities, energy, and many other areas.

Japan and the European Union are at the forefront of 5G research. Japan plans to use the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics as a showcase for live 5G networks. In this perspective, the Fifth Generation Mobile Communications Promotion Forum (5GMF) has been launched in order to gather the main stakeholders in Japan and coordinate their activities towards research & development and standardisation. In Europe, European Member States, including France, and European Union associated countries have joined forces within the 5G Infrastructure Public-Private-Partnership (5GPPP).

On 25 March 2015, 5GPPP and 5GMF signed an agreement in order to explore collaboration opportunities in 5G communication systems and networks. At the political level, an EU-Japan Joint Declaration on 5G was signed by DG Connect in the European Commission and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications on 27 May, 2015.

Therefore, the Department for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France in Japan and the Delegation of the European Union to Japan will organise on February 8th and 10th an EU-Japan Symposium on 5G, in collaboration with 5GPPP in Europe, 5GMF in Japan, the European Commission and Japan's Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC).

This symposium will bring together researchers, industries, as well as regulators and policy makers from Europe and Japan to discuss their latest views on 5G, including use cases, roadmaps, cutting-edge technologies for radio access and networks, spectrum regulation, standardisation and deployment. The discussions will be illustrated by cutting edge presentations and demonstrations from ongoing EU-JP projects. A programme of side visits will be organised on 9th February for the European representatives.

This event is organised in the framework of the “Japanese-French Year of Innovation” that was launched on October 5th 2015 by French Prime Minister Manuel Valls and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, with the objective to especially promote public-private partnerships with a focus on high impact topics in terms of innovation.

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Attendance at the symposium is by invitation only

