

The President, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, met today in Kadriorg with the Minister in Charge of Information Technology Policy of Japan, Shunichi Yamaguchi.

Japan is interested in Estonia's experience with facilitating governance through e-solutions. More specifically, the options for the creation of a secure digital identity and the importance of personal ID codes within the system were discussed. President Ilves explained, using the example of Estonia, that without a personal identification code it is impossible to link the information available about a particular person from different databases; also, the personal identification code is important to identify, without any doubt, the person that gives a digital signature. Risks that result from the extensive use of the personal identification code in both the private and public sector can be managed by various technical measures and proper procedures.

"Estonia is willing to share our experiences in the sphere of all our successful e-solutions," confirmed President Ilves, who described Japan as an increasingly important partner in many spheres, from ICT to agriculture.

Estonia and Japan co-operate and share positions in the UN group of cyber experts and the Freedom Online Coalition; consultations in the sphere of cyber security also take place.

President Ilves invited Japan to contribute to the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence in Tallinn.

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