



## **HR Inzko Visits Japan: Respect for Rule of Law Vital to Progress in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

High Representative Valentin Inzko is visiting Tokyo today and tomorrow where he is meeting with senior officials of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, including Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Miki Yamada, and delivering a keynote speech at the Japan Institute of International Affairs.

"We should work to do everything we can to assist Bosnia and Herzegovina in making decisive progress to advance with its reform agenda while also ensuring that the Peace Agreement is fully respected. At the centre of these efforts is respect for the rule of law. This is vital in order to provide hope for the people of BiH that a better future is absolutely possible. We have come a long way over the last twenty years, but we must remain engaged and see the job through to its conclusion. We are not there yet," the High Representative said.

High Representative Inzko emphasized the role of Japan as one of the largest bilateral donors to Bosnia and Herzegovina's post-war reconstruction and recovery, as well as one of the largest donors to the OHR and thanked the Government of Japan for its generous support and strong commitment to Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as to the international community's efforts to facilitate lasting stability and prosperity for the country and its people.