

Japan- Australia Summit Meeting: Summary
(provisional translation)

10 July 2009

On 10 July 2009, Prime Minister Taro Aso of Japan had a bilateral summit meeting with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd of Australia in L'Aquila, Italy for half an hour from 2:50pm local time. The summary of the meeting is as follows.

1. World Economy

(1) Based on the results of the G8 L'Aquila Summit, the two Prime Ministers affirmed the importance of 'examining' the past macroeconomic and other policies, including the reinforcement of financial regulation and supervision, and flowing them into the Pittsburg Summit.

(2) In this regard, Prime Minister Aso explained the economic measures Japan has taken so far. Prime Minister Rudd explained Australia's economic stimulus package and stated that Japan's economic stimulus package is significant given Japan's weight in the global economy.

2. North Korea

(1) Prime Minister Aso stated that North Korea's recent ballistic missile launches in breach of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1874 are totally unacceptable. Prime Minister Aso also stated that, as an international community, it is important for each country to fully implement the UNSC resolution and that he was pleased to see the issuance of a prompt and strong message at the G8 Summit.

(2) Prime Minister Rudd indicated that he fully supports Japan's policy on North Korea including missile and abduction issues. Prime Minister Aso stated that, in addition to the embargo currently in effect, financial and other measures will be taken from the 7th July and that cargo inspection will be accommodated with new legislation.

(3) The two Prime Ministers confirmed that both countries will continue to work together to resolve issues of concern such as the abduction, nuclear and missile issues.

3. G20

Prime Minister Rudd expressed that the G20 meeting in London was a success and that Australia will continue to highly value the G20. In response, Prime Minister Aso stated that the G20 is one of the effective frameworks in tackling financial matters.