

The Hon Bronwyn Bishop Courtesy Call

On September 10 Prime Minister Shinzo Abe received a courtesy call from the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia for approximately 20 minutes from 10:00AM. The outline of the meeting is as follows.

1. Prime Minister Abe opened the meeting by expressing his gratitude for having the honour to address parliament through Ms Bishop's assistance during his visit to Australia in July, and stating that with the launch of the Australia-Japan Parliamentary Group in April and the Japan Australia Diet Members' League in May, he expects the exchanges between Japan and Australia's parliament and diet members will continue to blossom.
2. Ms Bishop responded by saying that Prime Minister Abe's parliamentary address in English was very remarkable, and it was a good opportunity for citizens to understand Australia-Japan's "special relationship" and the strong trust relationship between Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister Abbott. Regarding the exchanges between parliament and diet members, as Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ms Bishop stated that she is hoping for the further promotion of Australia-Japan relations and exchanges between parliament and diet members of both countries.
3. While touching upon the "World Assembly for Women in Tokyo: WAW! Tokyo 2014" to be held that weekend, Prime Minister Abe stated that it is important for women to exercise their talents in the international society. In response to this, Ms Bishop commented that she remembered Prime Minister Abe speaking about wanting to create a society in which women can shine in his address to the Australian parliament in July, and would like to commend the Prime Minister on his initiative.



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