

Japan-UK-Australia Foreign Ministers' Telephone Talk

On September 9, commencing at around 6:20 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes, Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs, held a telephone talk with the Rt Hon. Boris Johnson, Secretary of State for Foreign Commonwealth Affairs and the Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs. The overview of the talk is as follows.

1. Minister Kishida stated that it is totally unacceptable that North Korea conducted a nuclear test, which constitutes a direct and serious threat to Japan's security and seriously undermines the peace and security of the region and the international community. Japan immediately strongly protested and condemned it in the strongest terms through the North Korean "Embassy" in Beijing, and that he would like to coordinate the responses, including those at the United Nations Security Council, closely between Japan, UK and Australia.
2. In response, Secretary Johnson stated that he completely agrees with Minister Kishida that North Korea's nuclear test is unacceptable and the UK will strengthen its cooperation with the partners including at the United Nations Security Council. Minister Bishop also stated that Prime Minister Turnbull and she have expressed condemnation against North Korea's provocative action and would spare no effort to advance cooperation on a United Nations or other future response.
3. The three Foreign Ministers agreed that Japan-UK-Australia will cooperate closely in the international community including at the United Nations Security Council in order to increase pressure on North Korea.