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Dear friends,

In light of recent movements surrounding the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Bourke Street tragedy in Melbourne, Prime Ministers Shinzo Abe and Malcolm Turnbull held a 30-minute telephone conversation on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January upon the request of the Australian Prime Minister. Following up on Prime Minister Abe's recent visit to Sydney, the two prime ministers discussed the importance of the free trade, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Regarding the death of a Japanese national in the recent Bourke Street tragedy in Melbourne, Prime Minister Turnbull offered his sincerest condolences to Prime Minister Abe. In response, Prime Minister Abe requested the Australian government's support and assistance for the victim's family.

Yours Sincerely,

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Sumio Kusaka

Ambassador of Japan to Australia