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Dear friends,

This week I presented to the National Security College at the Australian National University as part of the symposium *Strengthening Australia–Japan–US Strategic Cooperation: Prospects and Challenges*.

The event, which was held just a few days after telephone talks between the new US president and the Australian and Japanese prime ministers, left a strong impression on attendees. It highlighted the importance of trilateral collaboration—more than ever—in an uncertain and unpredictable security environment.

I spoke about recent developments in our tripartite cooperation, including the Trilateral Security Dialogue and the Trilateral Information Sharing Agreement among defence authorities.

I also highlighted the many positive bilateral initiatives between Australia and Japan, such as the new Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement. As Prime Minister Turnbull and Prime Minister Abe looked on, Ambassador Bruce Miller and myself signed this agreement during Mr Abe's January visit to Australia.

With such favorable trends as background, I made strong appeal that the Japan-Australia-U.S. triangle cooperation was the key to the future of peace and stability in our region, with no room for complacency. You can read more detail in the [speech text](#).

Yours Sincerely,

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