

(Provisional translation)

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe receives courtesy call from the Hon. Julie Bishop MP,
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia

On May 23, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe received a courtesy call from the Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia who was in Japan for the 7th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM7) in Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture. The outline of their discussion is as follows.

1. Prime Minister Abe welcomed Minister Bishop's participation in and acknowledged Australia's cooperation with PALM7. Furthermore, the Prime Minister praised the development of Japan-Australia cooperation in various areas, and spoke of how he is looking forward to Prime Minister Tony Abbott's visit to Japan, which is planned for this year.
2. In response, Minister Bishop congratulated the Prime Minister on the success of PALM7 and expressed her hopes for continued cooperation with Japan on the development and stability of Pacific island nations. Furthermore, Minister Bishop spoke of Australia's support for Japan's peace and security legislation.
3. Furthermore, both Prime Minister Abe and Minister Bishop agreed to work together to make Prime Minister Abbott's visit to Japan a success, and to continue close communication in various areas, such as defense and security guarantee, and trade.



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