

Dear friend of Japan,

I hope this e-mail finds you well.

At the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Japan was elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council (UNSC) on October 15 as Australia completed its term in December last year. Japan will serve a two-year term in the UNSC starting from January 1 of next year.

In this light, Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan issued a statement which I have attached to this e-mail. In his statement, Minister Kishida believes that the result of this election shows that the international community highly values Japan's long-standing commitment and enthusiasm towards the goals of the UN, and that it expects Japan is able to make further contributions to this end.

Minister Kishida also expresses his determination that Japan will proactively contribute on a wide range of issues concerning international peace and security while on the Security Council. Furthermore in regards to the Security Council reform, he asserts the urgency for the expansion and reform of the UNSC to reflect the current international situation where the number of UN Member States has significantly increased, and Japan will strengthen its cooperation with reform-oriented countries to further enhance its efforts towards realizing this goal.

Now that the peace and security legislation passed the Japanese Diet in September, Japan hopes to increase its efforts in the field of international peace-keeping contributions.

Yours sincerely,

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