

**World Humanitarian Summit  
Announcements Plenary**

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Excellencies, Distinguished participants,

What can we do to ensure that the people in dire situations in various part of the world have the will to stand up again on their own two feet and shoulder their countries? The first thing is the warm hand extended to alleviate their current “sorrow”. What they need next, is to shed light upon their future, thereby dispelling the darkness of “uneasiness”. On top of those, it is vital to equip them with the “abilities” that will allow them to build their own country’s future with their own hands.

With these intentions, Japan has made its commitment to provide a new assistance package for social stability and for the growth to bring benefits to all people in the Middle East and North Africa. Japan also commits to building the capacities of 20 thousand people in the Middle East and North Africa over the coming 3 years. Furthermore, for the future of the Syrian youth stranded far from home, and deprived of educational opportunities, Japan will accept more Syrian students. In addition, we will expand our contribution of “warm hands” through the deployment of “Japan Team for Refugees and Communities.” We commit to providing a total of 6 billion US dollars in such assistance over the coming 3 years.

Furthermore, we believe it is crucial that all stakeholders in the international community, including governments, business communities and NGOs, come together to introduce measures for conflict prevention and resolution to avoid these dire humanitarian crises ever happening in the first place. In the Asian region, Japan has been continuing its course as a peace-loving nation. In this course, I state once again here, Japan will make its every effort not to let any conflict causing humanitarian crises happen in the Asian region.

Thank you for your attention.