

**Statement by Mr. Kazuyuki NAKANE,  
Special Envoy of Prime Minister  
and Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan,  
at the 27<sup>th</sup> PIF Post-Forum Dialogue  
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Mr. Chair,

**(Opening Remarks)**

It is a great honour for me to participate in the 27<sup>th</sup> PIF Post-Forum Dialogue. On behalf of the Government of Japan, I would like to pay tribute to Prime Minister O'Neill for his strong leadership as the Forum Chair.

**(The Role of the Post-Forum Dialogue)**

Japan, as a neighbouring country in the Pacific, has been participating in the Dialogue since its inception in 1989. The Dialogues provide an important opportunity for the Dialogue partners to review the Pacific's regional agenda and enhance their engagement in the region. Japan intends to further engage in the PIF through the active participation in the Dialogue.

**(The Pacific Regionalism)**

Japan welcomes the PIF's efforts toward the implementation of *the Framework for Pacific Regionalism* and expects that the Pacific regionalism will help to complement national efforts, overcome common constraints and enhance sustainable and inclusive development in the region.

**(The Importance of Cooperation with the PIF)**

We welcome the efforts by the Dialogue partners for fostering the communication and cooperation with the Forum Island Countries (FICs) as their forward-looking engagements in the region. We should bear in mind that such efforts need to build a mutually complementary relationship with the PIF in order to maintain consistency and generate synergy effects. Japan has been hosting the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM) every three years since 1997. Japan intends to continue to closely cooperate with the PIF to maximize the synergy effects between the PIF and the PALM process.

**(Commitments in PALM7)**

Please allow me to take this opportunity to explain Japan's commitment to the Pacific region expressed by Prime Minister Abe in PALM7.

PALM7 was held in May 2015, in Iwaki-city, Fukushima, and the "Fukushima Iwaki Declaration" was successfully adopted.

In PALM7, the Leaders discussed the common challenges in the region such as disaster risk reduction, climate change, and confirmed that consistent effort is necessary to address such challenges. To this end, Prime Minister Abe announced to provide the cooperation to the extent of no less than 55 billion yen to the FICs and to implement human resource development and people-to-people exchanges of 4,000 people from the FICs over the next three years. Further, in order to address climate change, Japan expressed its intention to promote cooperation with <sup>スプレップ</sup>SPREP and support for the FICs on utilizing Green Climate Fund (GCF). Japan will make its utmost effort so that the GCF, to which Japan contributed 1.5 billion USD, will be utilized effectively and swiftly for the FICs vulnerable to climate change. As part of our efforts in this context, Japan will hold a GCF readiness support workshop for SIDS in Tokyo this week.

**(Conclusion)**

Lastly, I assure you, Japan, as one of the Pacific citizens, will continue to support the efforts to address regional challenges by the PIF members and will make a meaningful contribution to the region.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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