

CEAPADIII Joint Press Conference

- We just finished the Third Ministerial Meeting of the CEAPAD.
- I would like to reiterate my appreciation and respect for His Excellency Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kingdom of Thailand, who kindly hosted the meeting.
- Today we celebrate the fifth-year anniversary of CEAPAD, which Japan launched in 2013.
- Today's CEAPAD III presented an opportunity for the East Asian countries to come together with one voice in support of Palestine at an important moment.
- One of the objectives of the meeting today was to help lay a foundation for the development of a Palestinian state based on a two-state-solution, by sharing relevant experiences of East Asian countries that have achieved remarkable economic development.
- Our goal is to create an environment in which the Palestinians have hope and a path forward for their own state building.



- Secondly, in view of the difficult financial situation of UNRWA, we reaffirmed today UNRWA's important role in creating and maintaining stability in the region by assisting Palestinian refugees. We wanted to send a strong message from Asia in support of UNRWA.
- In the meeting, the participants made concrete and positive remarks taking into account these objectives. They indicated their plans to use their areas of strength to support Palestine. The meeting was fruitful, positive and very timely.
- I introduced the success story of Jericho Agro-Industrial Park, also known as JAIP, stressing our desire to expand our cooperation into the ICT sector.
- It is important to implement steadily those assistances. Japan will host a Senior Officials Meeting next year and follow up today's outcomes.
- In conclusion, I would again like to thank Minister Don and the Kingdom of Thailand for hosting CEAPAD III today and to express my continued support for Palestine. Thank you very much.

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