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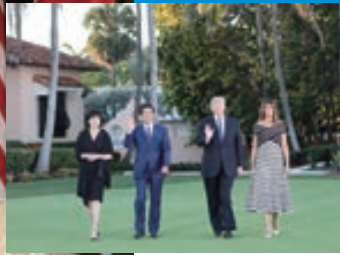
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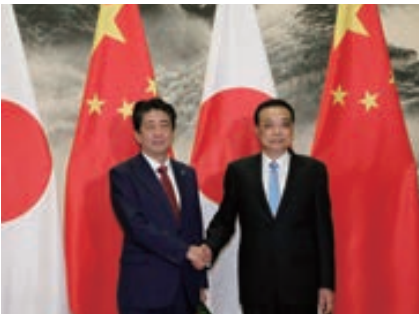
Foreign Minister Kono's visit to Germany, Japan-Germany Foreign Ministers' Meeting (September, Germany) (Chapter 2-4-2)



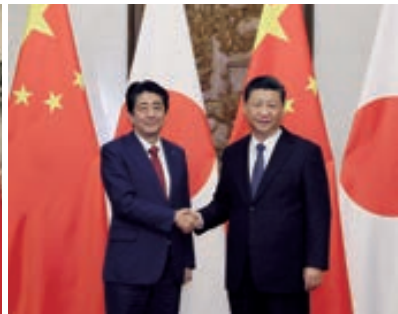
Foreign Minister Kono's visit to Australia, the Eighth Japan-Australia Foreign and Defence Ministerial Consultations ("2+2") (October, Australia) (Chapter 2-1-6)



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Summit Meeting with the Premier of China (Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office)



Summit Meeting with the President of China (Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office)



Visit to Japan by the Prime Minister of India, Informal Working Dinner (October, Yamanashi Prefecture; Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office) (Chapter 2-1-5)



East Asia Summit (EAS)
(November, Singapore;
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Prime Minister Abe's visit to Australia, Japan-Australia Summit Meeting (November, Australia; Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office) (Chapter 2-1-6)



Visit to Japan by the President of Burkina Faso, Japan-Burkina Faso Summit Meeting (November, Tokyo; Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office) (Chapter 2-7-4)



Japan-U.S.-India Summit Meeting (November, Argentina; Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office) (Chapter 2-1-5)

G20 Buenos Aires Summit (December, Argentina; Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office) (Chapter 3-3-1)



The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit Meeting (October, Belgium; Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office) (Chapter 2-4-3)



Visit to Uruguay (Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office)



Visit to Paraguay (Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office)

Daily Schedule of an International Trip by the Foreign Minister

An overseas visit by the Foreign Minister: Leaving busy Tokyo, having chats with foreign ministers of other countries in gorgeous locales, visiting various famous places, and relishing splendid banquets... No no, it's not like that. It actually means enduring long flights, attending international conferences, and holding bilateral meetings in the minutes between conferences.

It means building relationships of trust and friendships with ministers of other countries during a short stay, having animated discussions about recent international issues, and coordinating efforts in various issues. This is an introduction of such busy international trips by the Foreign Minister.



July 31 (Tue.)

23:50

After the Japan-Russia Foreign Ministers' Meeting and the Japan-Russia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultation ("2+2" Ministerial Meeting), depart Moscow

August 1 (Wed.)

20:55



Arrive in Singapore



23-hour flight
Stop over in Dubai

August 2 (Thu.)

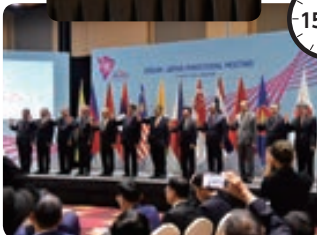
Foreign Ministers' Meetings with seven countries before and after the Japan-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting



Japan-Turkey Foreign Ministers' Meeting



Japan-Iran Foreign Ministers' Meeting



Japan-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting. In addition to support toward deepening integration of ASEAN, seriously discuss the issue of North Korea and so forth.

14:45



Japan-Brunei Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Present ASEAN counterparts with their portraits. It's essential to use a little creativity to impress your counterparts. They were delighted.



13:50



Japan-China Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Agree on the importance of developing the bilateral relations and enhancing the stability of the East China Sea. Confirm the importance of bilateral cooperation and coordination for the issue of North Korea.

15:00

18:30



Japan-Viet Nam Foreign Ministers' Meeting

16:30



Japan-Canada Foreign Ministers' Meeting Give flowers to Foreign Minister Freeland for her birthday. Symbol of friendship

17:40



Japan-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Have a frank exchange of views regarding Japan-ROK relations. Carefully coordinate the future response policy regarding the issue of North Korea.



A little break. There are food stalls at the venue.

ASEAN-related Foreign Ministers' Meetings

August 3 (Fri.)

11:00 Japan-Timor-Leste Foreign Ministers' Meeting
11:20 Informal talk with the Foreign Minister of Papua New Guinea
11:30 Japan-Australia Foreign Ministers' Meeting
12:35 Japan-EU Foreign Ministers' Working Lunch

16:30 Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting
18:30 Japan-Indonesia Foreign Ministers' Meeting
19:20 Gala dinner

(Time is also set aside during the intervals for advance preparation for meetings, etc.)

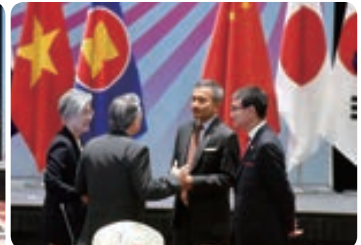
August 4 (Sat.)

Saturday. But there is no weekend during an overseas visit.

East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers' Meeting



ASEAN Plus Three (Japan-China-ROK) Foreign Ministers' Meeting



Also hold discussions with the foreign ministers of the ROK, China, and Singapore during intervals between the meetings



Japan-U.S. Foreign Ministers' Meeting with Secretary of State Pompeo
Discussion centered on the issue of North Korea



Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Strategic Dialogue (TSD)
The trilateral discussion had desks forming the shape of a triangle



A little break with coffee brewed by a robot.



Japan-Cambodia Foreign Ministers' Meeting



ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Ministerial Meeting
An important forum for confidence building in the region

August 5 (Sun.)

Last day in Singapore



Breakfast time cannot be wasted.
A breakfast meeting was held for the Japan-Singapore Foreign Ministers' Meeting.



The discussion continued while enjoying durians.



Departing Singapore for the next country to visit, Myanmar

2019 and 2020 will be important years for Japan holding international conferences such as the G20 Osaka Summit and TICAD 7.

Many country leaders and ministers from all over the world will also visit Japan for the opportunities of the Rugby World Cup 2019™, Japan and the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Taking full advantage of these opportunities, Japan will develop strategic diplomacy toward the international community through promoting Japan's initiatives to contribute to global peace and stability.

G20 Osaka Summit



The G20 Summit was started in 2008 to handle the financial crisis, and has come to have major influence in economic fields as the "premier forum for international economic cooperation." Japan will host the G20 Summit for the first time in 2019. At the G20 Osaka Summit, Japan is determined to lead global economic growth by promoting free trade and innovation, achieving both economic growth

and reduction of disparities, and contributing to the development agenda and other global issues with the SDGs at its core. Through these efforts, Japan seeks to realize and promote a free and open, inclusive and sustainable society (See Special Feature "G20 Osaka Summit – Hosting the G20 Summit for the first time").



G20 Buenos Aires Summit (December 2018, Argentina; Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office)



- Schedule:
Friday, June 28 to Saturday,
June 29, 2019
- Venue: Osaka City

TICAD 7



The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) is a summit level international conference launched by Japan in 1993 for the development of Africa. As an inclusive and open forum, it has realized its guiding principles of African ownership and partnership with the international

community. TICAD 7 is scheduled to be held in Yokohama in August 2019. Many participants will gather from African countries, international organizations, civil society, and more (See Special Feature "TICAD7 – Collaboration with host city Yokohama").



TICAD VI (August 2016, Kenya; Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office)



- Schedule:
Wednesday, August 28 to
Friday, August 30, 2019
- Venue city: Yokohama City

Rugby World Cup 2019™, Japan



The Rugby World Cup, the tournament to determine the world champion of 15-player rugby that is held once every four years, will take place in Japan. The Rugby World Cup is considered to be one of the world's three largest sporting events alongside the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the FIFA World Cups. As this is the first game to be held

in Asia, Japan will most likely draw attention (See Column "Not once in four years. Once in a lifetime." (Rugby World Cup 2019™, Japan)).

■ Schedule: Friday, September 20 to Saturday, November 2, 2019

■ Venues: 12 venues throughout Japan



14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice



The UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, known as "Congress," is the UN's largest international conference in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. The last 13th Congress was participated in by about 4,000 people from 149 countries. The 14th Congress

(Kyoto Congress) will have discussions on measures and international cooperation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under the overall theme of "Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda" (see Chapter 3-1-3(5)).

■ Schedule: Monday, April 20 to Monday, April 27, 2020

■ Venue city: Kyoto City



The 13th Congress (April 2015, Doha)



The scheduled 14th Congress venue

Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020



It has been 56 years since the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games were held in Tokyo in 1964. With the three core concepts of "achieving personal best," "unity in diversity," and "connecting to tomorrow," about 11,000 athletes will compete in 33 sports and 339 events at the Olympic Games,

and about 4,400 athletes will compete in 22 sports and 540 events at the Paralympic Games (see Chapter 3-4).

■ Schedule: Olympic Games, Friday, July 24 to Sunday, August 9, 2020
Paralympic Games, Tuesday, August 25 to Sunday, September 6, 2020

■ Venue: 42 venues centered on Tokyo

