

Japan's efforts as a member of the Security Council 2016-2017

◆ North Korea

- Organizing a Security Council Ministerial-Level Meeting on the North Korean issue (December 2017)
 - Sent a clear message that we will never accept a nuclear-armed North Korea and that nuclear and missile development in flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions will never be tolerated
 - Sent a unified message that it is essential for every UN Member State to fully implement all the relevant Security Council resolutions
- Playing a leading role in addressing North Korea's provocations in the Council, especially in the negotiations leading to the adoptions of relevant resolutions

◆ Africa

- Organizing an Open Debate on peacebuilding in Africa (July 2016)
 - stressed the importance of institution building, capacity building, confidence building and innovation in peacebuilding methods, including the use of science and technology, based on African ownership
- Trying to objectively and accurately understand the volatile situation on the ground
- Listening carefully to the voices of African representatives on the Council

◆ The Middle East

- Proactively engaging in the discussions of the Council and tried to make progress on complex issues such as the Middle East peace process, Syria, Afghanistan, and Yemen
 - Middle East peace process : holding an emergency meeting in the Security Council
 - Syria : served as the co-penholders for humanitarian issues in Syria
 - Afghanistan : assumed the lead in the Security Council

◆ Addressing Complex Contemporary Challenges to International Peace and Security

- Organizing an Open Debate (December 2017) on this theme, underlining the importance of ideas such as human security and sustaining peace

◆ Working on systematizing and improving the working methods of the Security Council

- Taking initiative to revise the presidential note 507, which is incorporated in the handbook on the working methods of the Council, the so-called "Green Book"