

Video Message by Ms. KAMIKAWA Yoko,  
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for the International Day of Women in Diplomacy  
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It is my great honor to deliver this video message on the occasion of the Commemorative Event to mark the International Day of Women in Diplomacy.

Last September, I was appointed as the first female Foreign Minister in almost two decades. Since then, I have been impressed by the active participation of many women in diplomacy around the world.

Therefore, the theme of today's event is very important to me.

Japan places importance on the values and principles of the rule of law and human rights. Japan also promotes diplomacy to realize a safe and secure world where "human dignity" is protected, based on the SDGs principle of "leaving no one behind".

As a part of this policy, I've particularly been focused on the promotion of Women, Peace, and Security, or WPS, which was first introduced to me here in NY.

As the international community faces growing uncertainty, the concept of WPS is increasingly important.

As Foreign Minister, I've been promoting WPS through three pillars.

The first is the development of a system. I formed a cross-organizational task force on WPS in the Ministry, which strengthens cooperation with relevant ministries and the parliamentary group on WPS that I established.

Second, Japan has incorporated WPS perspectives into diplomatic activities under the banner of "WPS in Action".

Third, to further elevate WPS, I have established a policy forum called "WPS + Innovation" and continue to strengthen our international networks.

Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of the adoption of Security Council Resolution 1325. Let's work together to promote WPS, strengthen women's participation and leadership around the world, and create a more peaceful, stable, and prosperous international society.