

Policy Speech by Prime Minister Kishida at the University of Sao Paulo “Paving a Pathway to ‘Human Dignity’ with Latin America and the Caribbean”

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1 Outline

- Prime Minister Kishida delivered a speech on Japan’s foreign policy towards Latin America and the Caribbean for the first time in ten years.
- Amid the deepening divisions and conflicts in the international community, PM Kishida emphasized Japan's unique engagement with LAC, which
 - (1) has a long history of exchange and deep personal ties with Japan,
 - (2) is a partner that advocates values and principles shared with Japan,
 - (3) possesses great potential for contributing actively to resolving global issues.
- Based on the achievements to date, PM Kishida showed a “pathway” that Japan and LAC should pioneer over the next decade, to lead the world towards cooperation.



2 Key Messages

- PM Kishida clearly set out three directions in which Japan and LAC, and Japan and the world should work together to achieve a world caring for “human dignity”.
 - (1) Ensuring a free and open international order based on the rule of law
 - (2) Overcoming common challenges that humanity faces such as the environment and climate change
 - (3) Pursuing prosperity that can be shared by all people in the world and does not come at others’ expense
- Furthermore, PM Kishida stressed that while the goal we must achieve is the same, the “pathway” to take can differ country by country. He also highlighted the importance of positively accepting the diversity of “pathways”, respecting, and learning from each other to create a better future together.
- What is indispensable to stride together towards these common goals is people-to-people ties. The ties among next generation, including the Nikkei community, are the key to create a new “pathway” of partnership between Japan and LAC. To support them, PM Kishida pledged Japan will implement exchange programs at a scale of 1,000 people over the next three years.