

FY2024 Domestic Public Opinion Survey on Japan's Diplomacy

1 Diplomacy toward the United States: Areas in which relations should be strengthened (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st : Economy, trade and finance : 52.1%
 2nd: Security, counter terrorism, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation : 49.7%
 3rd: Economic security : 33.9%

2 Do you think the security environment surrounding the East Asian region is becoming increasingly severe in recent years?

- Yes: 81.5%
 No : 15.1%

2-2 (For those who selected "Yes" in Question 2) Ways to prevent the deterioration of the security environment (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st: Strengthening cooperation with the U.S., an ally, and friendly countries, including European countries and Australia : 57.4%
 2nd: Reinforcement of Japan's own defense capabilities : 47.4%
 3rd: Diplomatic efforts through dialogues : 34.8%

3 Diplomacy toward China: Items that Japan should particularly focus on (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st: Taking a strong stance on intrusions into Japan's territorial sea, etc. : 60.9%
 2nd: Ensuring the peace and stability of the region and the international community : 38.7%
 3rd: Ensuring the safety and security of Japanese residents in China : 35.4%

4 Diplomacy toward the Republic of Korea: Cooperation that Japan should particularly promote (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st: Security, including the issues regarding North Korea : 53.0%
 2nd: Resolving the Takeshima dispute : 35.7%
 3rd: Resolving history issues : 34.4%

5 Diplomacy toward the Middle East: Items that Japan should particularly promote (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st: Ensuring the security of Japanese residents and companies in the country : 49.0%
 2nd: Energy security, including securing the safety of navigation : 43.3%
 3rd: Providing humanitarian assistance, including refugee assistance : 37.4%

6 Response to the situation in Ukraine: Future priority areas (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st: Enhancing coordination with the international community, including the G7 : 59.9%
 2nd: Strengthening support for Ukraine : 34.7%
 3rd: Promoting the acceptance of evacuees from Ukraine to Japan : 33.2%

7 Diplomacy toward Africa (TICAD 9): Items that Japan should particularly focus on (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st: Cooperation towards solving social issues such as poverty and infectious diseases : 57.3%
 2nd: Cooperation on peace and stability such as conflicts, terrorism, and humanitarian crises : 43.7%
 3rd: Promoting business and investment of Japanese companies : 34.9%

8 Foreign information manipulation (aware or not aware of spread of disinformation)

- Aware : 72.7%
 Not aware: 20.6%

8-2 (For those who selected “Aware” in Question 8) Ways for distinguishing between true and false information (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st: Checking information from the Government of Japan : 49.1%
- 2nd: Checking information from Japanese media : 42.9%
- 3rd: Checking information in Japanese on social media accounts other than those of the Government of Japan and Japanese media : 35.2%

9 United Nations diplomacy: Items that Japan should particularly focus on (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st: UN Reform, including the Security Council reform and revitalization of the General Assembly : 40.0%
- 2nd: Efforts in the area of UN Peacekeeping Operations : 36.9%
- 3rd: Multilateral efforts in the area of economy and finance : 31.4%

10 Efforts to achieve the SDGs (Japan’s strengths) (multiple answers allowed)

- 1st: Water and sanitation : 58.8%
- 2nd: Education : 40.4%
- 3rd: Disaster risk reduction : 39.2%