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Manama Dialogue 2026
Video Message by Sanae Takaichi,
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I am Sanae Takaichi, Prime Minister of Japan.

First, I would like to express my deep respect for His Majesty King Hamad and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman's strong leadership for convening the Manama Dialogue hosted by the IISS.

The Manama Dialogue this year is a highly valuable forum for the Middle East to restore stability at an early stage and discuss measures for further development.

In order to achieve an early de-escalation and stabilization of the situation in the Middle East, Japan has been continuing persistent diplomatic efforts while communicating with many relevant countries including the United States, Iran, and the Gulf states.

Japan is currently formulating a comprehensive cooperation plan aimed at strengthening the economic

and energy resilience of the Gulf states.

Through this initiative, we will further strengthen cooperation between the Asia-Pacific region including Japan and the Gulf states for the stable global supply of energy.

The early restoration of stability in the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait is crucial.

Together with the international community including the Gulf states, Japan will make every effort to ensure free and safe navigation through both Straits.

Furthermore, in order to restore peace and stability of the Middle East and achieve the goal of becoming “more resilient and prosperous together,” we will work closely with all of you including through the promotion of cooperation in advanced technology fields, such as AI.

In conclusion, I wish all the participants to have meaningful discussions at this dialogue. Thank you very much for your attention.

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