

What We Have Achieved for the World

International Peace and Security

- PKO in Cambodia, Mozambique, Golan Heights, Timor-Leste, Haiti and South Sudan
- Contributing to international anti-piracy efforts off the coast of Somalia

Peacebuilding

- Seamless assistance from post-conflict emergency humanitarian assistance to recovery and reconstruction (e.g., Afghanistan, Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Mindanao Peace Process)

Women

- Pledged over US\$3 billion for women's empowerment and gender equality (2013-15)
- Continuously contributed to the work of UN Women, CEDAW (Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women) and CSW (Commission on the Status of Women)

Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

- Initiatives to pass resolutions on nuclear disarmament
- Co-sponsored the Arms Trade Treaty
- Over US\$530 million in 49 countries for global Mine Action

Development

- 2nd largest donor: Over US\$18 billion in 2012
- Co-hosting TICAD (Tokyo International Conference on African Development) with UN

United Nations Reform

- Fully engaged in negotiations to make UN activities more efficient and effective
- Consistently working to improve the working methods of the Security Council

JAPAN'S PROMISE

International Peace and Security

Secure peace, stability, and prosperity of the international community as a "Proactive Contributor to Peace."

Peacebuilding

Actively contribute to peacebuilding efforts bilaterally and multilaterally, and through strengthening UN peacebuilding architecture.

Women

Ensure women's participation and reflect their views at all stages in building a more peaceful society to realize a "society in which all women shine."

Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Continue vigorous efforts to seek "a world free of nuclear weapons."

Development

Strengthen efforts to achieve the MDGs.

Formulate the post-2015 development agenda, focusing on areas such as disaster risk reduction and global health.

United Nations Reform

Lead the efforts to further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of UN activities.

Enhance communication between the Security Council and Member States.

JAPAN

**Candidate for
the United Nations Security Council**

2016-2017



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“Proactive Contributor to Peace”

Japan is a country with a rich culture and tradition, upholding universal values such as freedom, democracy, respect for fundamental human rights and the rule of law – values also enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. Since the end of World War II, Japan has consistently followed the path of a peace-loving nation and collaboration with the United Nations (UN) has always been one of the main pillars of our foreign policy.

In my speech at the UN General Assembly in 2013, I committed Japan to become a “Proactive Contributor to Peace.” The UN has become more important than ever in the international community. Japan will make an even more proactive contribution in securing peace, stability, and prosperity for the international community, addressing not only conflicts themselves, but also their root causes. Seamless assistance will be critical. It is also our belief that each individual is entitled to the fruits of development.

As I emphasized in my address to the UN General Assembly, I am committed to bringing about a “society in which all women shine” through women’s empowerment and gender equality. This is one of the guiding principles of Japan’s diplomacy.

Japan will also continue to help resolve issues facing today’s world such as disaster risk reduction, disarmament and non-proliferation, promotion of global development, and strengthening the rule of law relating to the sea, outer space and cyberspace. On development, Japan will strengthen its efforts towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and contribute to the formulation of the post-2015 development agenda through close cooperation with the other Member States, especially developing countries.

To achieve these noble goals, Japan presents its candidacy for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for the term of 2016-2017. Japan believes that it is essential to reflect the broadest range of Member States’ views in the Security Council. I am fully confident that Japan has the willingness and capacity to help the UN better fulfill its mission.

Shinzo Abe
Prime Minister of Japan

Japan’s Role in the World

“Proactive Contributor to Peace”

Women

Women

Provision of more than US\$3 billion in ODA from 2013 to 2015 for the empowerment of women and gender equality



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Afghanistan

Peacebuilding

- Taking the lead in reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan (e.g., two Tokyo conferences on Afghanistan)
- Over US\$5 billion in assistance

North Korea

Disarmament and Non-proliferation Non-Proliferation

Leading international efforts to peacefully resolve issues such as nuclear and missile developments as well as humanitarian concerns including the abduction issue



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Africa

Development

TICAD

Contribution to the development and the consolidation of peace in Africa especially through TICAD (Tokyo International Conference on African Development) process

South Sudan

Peacebuilding

PKO

Self-Defense Force engineering unit participating in UNMISS

Somalia

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Anti-Piracy

- Participation in anti-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden
- Support to the Somali Police Force and AMISOM

Syria

Peacebuilding

- Approx. US\$400 million in humanitarian assistance
- Promoting the political process
- Contribution of US\$18 million for the elimination of chemical weapons in Syria

Middle East

Peacebuilding

Middle East Peace Process

- Over US\$1.35 billion in assistance to the Palestinians (e.g., “The Corridor for Peace and Prosperity”)
- Taking the lead in launching the “Conference on Cooperation among East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development (CEAPAD)”, mobilizing experiences of economic development and assistance of East Asia for the Palestinians

Asia

Development

Disaster Relief Activities

- The Philippines (Typhoon)
- Indonesia (Tsunami and earthquake)
- Thailand (Flood)
- Pakistan (Earthquake)

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- Cambodia
- Timor-Leste

Caribbean States

Development

Disaster Relief Activities

Self-Defense Force engineering unit participated in MINUSTAH to support earthquake recovery efforts in Haiti



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