

Ｔ２０キックオフ会合（１２月４日）
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T20 members, Ambassadors, distinguished guests and
experts, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you for
the T20 Inception Conference. It gives me a great
pleasure to celebrate this formal kick-off of Japan's
T20, just days after Japan assumed the G20 presidency
from Argentina.

The international community is facing challenges

that cannot be solved by governments alone. We need to bring together the wisdom and expertise of academia, business, and civil society like never before.

Looking ahead to the G20 Osaka Summit and G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting, I would like to touch upon several topics today, on which Japan intends to lead discussions.

In today's world, we face an increase in the number of refugees fleeing from tyranny, failed regimes and natural disasters. We know that there are nearly 70 million refugees and internally displaced persons in need of assistance.

The Sustainable Development Goals is to realize a society 'that leaves no one behind,' and this shares much common ground with the concept of human security that Japan has been promoting for many years.

In order to achieve the SDGs and human security, Japan will accelerate its efforts in areas such as health and education through next year's G20 Osaka Summit and TICAD7 which will be held in August in Yokohama. We look forward to presenting concrete outcomes from these initiatives at the SDGs summit meeting in New York in September 2019.

Japan is now accelerating its considerations for a long-term strategy to address climate change. Not only initiatives of national governments, but also those of non-state actors are crucial for tackling climate change. I would therefore like to invite the T20 members to the G20 Climate Sustainability Working Group next year for your input.

The international community needs to consider seriously how to overcome the annual 2.5

trillion-dollar funding gap that must be filled to achieve the SDGs by 2030. It will not be easy to eliminate this gap through official development assistance, even with the help of public-private partnerships.

We might have to ask those who have benefited from globalization to give back something. The introduction of an international solidarity tax, a thinly spread tax on currency exchange, that would be spent on humanitarian aid by international organizations is one idea for the viable longer-term solutions.

At recent international conferences such as the UN General Assembly and APEC, I have emphasized the importance of innovative financing for humanitarian aid in order to secure financial resources necessary to deal with pressing global issues. And, I have already received positive responses from some participants.

Japan is willing to contribute to and increase momentum for an international discussion on innovative finance. I would like to seek the ideas of experts all over the world, including you.

Connectivity becomes of particular importance to pursue economic prosperity and stability.

Connectivity will be enhanced through quality infrastructure that is built and operated in accordance with international standards such as open access, transparency, economic efficiency in view of life cycle cost, and fiscal soundness. Looking ahead to our own G20 presidency next year, Japan will continue its efforts to elaborate an international standard of quality infrastructure shared by the G20 countries.

During our G20 presidency, Japan will lead efforts to enhance sustainable and inclusive growth, to

stabilize the global economy, and to tackle global challenges.

I hope the T20 will continue to engage in active and fruitful discussions, and come up with practical policy recommendations for the G20. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the T20 members and supporters here tonight for your efforts and contributions.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in raising a glass for fruitful discussions of the T20.

Kanpai!

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