

## **Ukraine Recovery Conference**

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I would like to express my sincere respect for the Government of Switzerland Ukraine and all those who have contributed to realizing this conference.

Japan stands with the people of Ukraine who are striving to defend sovereignty and territory as well as independence and democracy of their homeland.

Last week at the G7 Summit in Elmau, Prime-Minister Kishida announced that Japan will extend its Aid for Ukraine and neighboring countries to about 1.1 billion US dollars, which includes additional support for resumption of grain exports from Ukraine to respond to the global food crisis.

Japan, as the only country to have suffered atomic bombings during wartime, lifted itself up from the devastation

of the war and achieved reconstruction, as you acknowledged, I believe.

In recent years, Japan has achieved remarkable recovery from repeated natural disasters, such as Great East Japan Earthquake, which triggered the terrifying Tsunami in March 2011.

Based on these experiences, Japan firmly believes that remarkable recovery is possible in Ukraine as well.

And off course, Japan will actively contribute in order that the Recovery and Development Plan drafted by the Government of Ukraine will give the people of Ukraine hope for a bright future.

Today, let me emphasize three points that we think are important.

Firstly, Ukraine's recovery process must be conducted based on the country's ownership.

Secondly, Ukraine's recovery process must promote the

implementation of reforms in Ukraine toward EU membership.

Thirdly, it is crucial for all concerned countries, organizations and enterprises to comply with fair and transparent rules in line with OECD/DAC and Paris Club standards. For this objective, Japan will continue to promote setting up appropriate frameworks.

In conclusion, I promise Japan will continue maximum support for Ukraine, which is moving forward strongly for recovery, in cooperation with the international community.

Thank you.