

## Message from Prime Minister ISHIBA Shigeru for the Fifth Summit of the Crimea (Sep 24 2025)

Three and a half years have passed since the beginning of Russia's aggression against Ukraine. We renew our respect for the day-to-day efforts of the Ukrainian people to defend their country and freedom.

The host of this meeting, President Zelenskyy encourages Ukrainian people every day and night, who endure tension and anxiety, and fight for their own future. President bravely makes every single effort toward peace in homeland. We would like to express our utmost respect for him.

Japan supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, including Crimea.

We are deeply concerned about the suffering of those who were displaced from their home, including Crimea. Through today's meeting, we reaffirm to the international community, the principle that unilateral change of the status quo by force is unacceptable.

Russia continues its brutal attacks, showing no signs of concrete steps toward peace. Now is the time for us to stand united together to draw a swift and positive response from Russia that leads to a just and lasting peace.

We welcome President Trump's strong leadership and his tireless diplomatic efforts in pursuit of this vital goal.

The intensive discussions on security guarantees for Ukraine, mainly led by European countries, are very important for achieving peace.

Japan is determined to actively participate in these discussions and to play an appropriate role in bringing peace to Ukraine.

From this viewpoint, Japan is in coordination with the international community to support Ukraine and to put sanctions against Russia. On September 12th, we announced additional sanctions against Russia.

We will continue our unwavering support for Ukraine and promote our efforts for recovery and reconstruction through public-private partnership to strengthen social and economic resilience of Ukraine.

To move closer to achieving two goals, which are an early ceasefire and a just and lasting peace, Japan will closely work with all countries present today.