

High-Level Ministerial Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution (Thursday, September 24, 10:00–12:30)

- I would like to express my appreciation to the co-chairs for convening this session.
- This January, I visited a refugee camp in the West Bank supported by Japan and UNRWA, and I was warmly welcomed by many children. I strongly hope that these children will shape the future of their region.
- Today, the path toward a two-state solution is becoming increasingly challenging.
- Japan is committed to upholding a free and open international order based on the rule of law. I have been calling upon Israel to immediately cease any unilateral actions including settlement activities and to ensure smooth humanitarian access.
- In addition, Japan leads CEAPAD: a regional cooperation framework of Asian countries to support Palestine.

- This July, I chaired a ministerial meeting on the occasion of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meeting in Manila and compiled the "CEAPAD Project List."

This document outlines assistance projects utilizing the resources and expertise of development of East Asian countries.

We will continue to leverage CEAPAD's unique approach to expand the network of assistance.

- There can be no just and lasting peace in the Middle East without resolving the Palestinian question.

In close cooperation with the international community,

Japan will continue to pursue proactive diplomatic efforts.

- Thank you for your attention.