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Japan's diplomacy under the new DPJ

Administration

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1. First three weeks since assuming office

- (1) The first day (Foreign Minister's order on the issue of so-called "secret pacts")
- (2) A series of foreign visits
 - United Nations General Assembly
 - Trilateral Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea
 - Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting
- (3) Enhancing openness of press conference and its basic guidelines

2. Short-term tasks for 100 days

- (1) Realignment of U.S. forces in Japan and relocation of the U.S. bases in Okinawa
- (2) Assistance to Afghanistan and Pakistan
- (3) Climate Change (COP15)

3. Mid-term tasks for 300 days

- (1) New deepening of the Japan-U.S. alliance based on mutual trust
- (2) Development of foreign policy toward Asia with a view to building of an East Asian community
- (3) North Korea (abduction, nuclear and missile issues)
- (4) Global challenges (nuclear issues, global warming and poverty reduction)