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)