Major events around the world and in Japan (January to July)

January
- January 15: Volcanic eruptions and tsunami disaster in Tonga

February
- February 24: Start of Russia’s aggression against Ukraine

March
- March 9: Election of President YOON Suk Yeol of the ROK
- March 24: Address to the Diet by President Zelenskyy of Ukraine (online)

April
- April 7: Meeting of NATO Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Japan participates for the first time
- April 15: The 8th Foreign Ministers’ Meeting of the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue
- April 24: Election of President Macron of France

May
- May 10: Election of President Marcos of the Philippines

June
- June 26-28: G7 Elmau Summit
- June 29: NATO Summit Meeting, Japan participates for the first time

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**Russia’s aggression against Ukraine**

- Displaced people from Ukraine
- Signs of massacre after withdrawal of Russian troops (Bucha)

**Military activities around Japan**

- Missile launches by North Korea with unprecedented frequency and in unprecedented manners
- Joint flights and navigation by China and Russia
  - Chinese bomber
  - Russian bomber

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Major events around the world and in Japan (August to December)

August
- August 3: U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives Pelosi visits Taiwan
- August 4: Chinese military exercise around Taiwan
- August 27–28: The Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 8)
- August 3: U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives Pelosi visits Taiwan

September
- September 8: Passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom
- September 16: Death of an Iranian woman; demonstrations and riots in various areas
- September 30: Declaration of “incorporation” of parts of Ukraine by Russia

October
- October 22: Inauguration of President of the Council of Ministers Meloni of Italy
- October 25: Inauguration of Prime Minister Sunak of the United Kingdom
- October 30: Election of President Lula of Brazil

November
- November 6–20: COP27 in Egypt
- November 20 to December 18: 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar

December
- December 3: World Assembly for Women (WAW! 2022)
- December 16: Adoption of the new National Security Strategy
September 27
State Funeral for the Late Prime Minister ABE Shinzo

November 3-4
G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting

November 8
U.S. midterm elections

November 11-13
ASEAN-related Summit Meetings

November 15-16
G20 Bali Summit

November 18-19
APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting

December 24
The 9th Foreign Ministers’ Meeting of the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue

August 1-26
The Tenth NPT Review Conference

September 20-26
Addresses at the General Debate of the UN General Assembly

Successive abnormal weather

Floods in Pakistan

Heat wave striking Europe

Food and energy crisis

People seeking food assistance

Severe energy shortages and rising prices