

# Japan's Expanding Diplomatic Horizons

— New Pillar for Japan's Foreign Policy —

## 1. Value Oriented Diplomacy

Emphasis on “universal values”  
such as freedom, democracy, human rights,  
the rule of law, and the market economy

### “Peace and Happiness through Economic Prosperity and Democracy”

- Indispensable to guarantee the freedom and basic human rights under democracy and the rule of law in addition to the political stability and economic prosperity for each single person to live a peaceful and fulfilling life.
  - Only a “free people” can create and sustain both political stability and economic prosperity
- ←Based on over 100 years of accumulated wisdom that comes from having the longest tradition of democracy and being the first country to modernize in Asia

## 2. Strive to Form

### the “Arc of Freedom and Prosperity”

Form a prosperous and stable region based on universal values  
around the outer rim of the Eurasian continent

- Further strengthen ties with the US, Australia, India and the member states of the EU and NATO among others
- Avoid imposing our values; be considerate of each country's culture, history and stage of development

➤ Creating political stability and economic prosperity

➤ Allowing universal values to take hold

balancing

Creating the peaceful and promising civil society that enables personal fulfillment

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