

Dear friends of the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle,

Our bi-monthly newsletter, "From Japan to the Northwest," shares important and interesting information related to Japan, our region, and the consulate's activities.

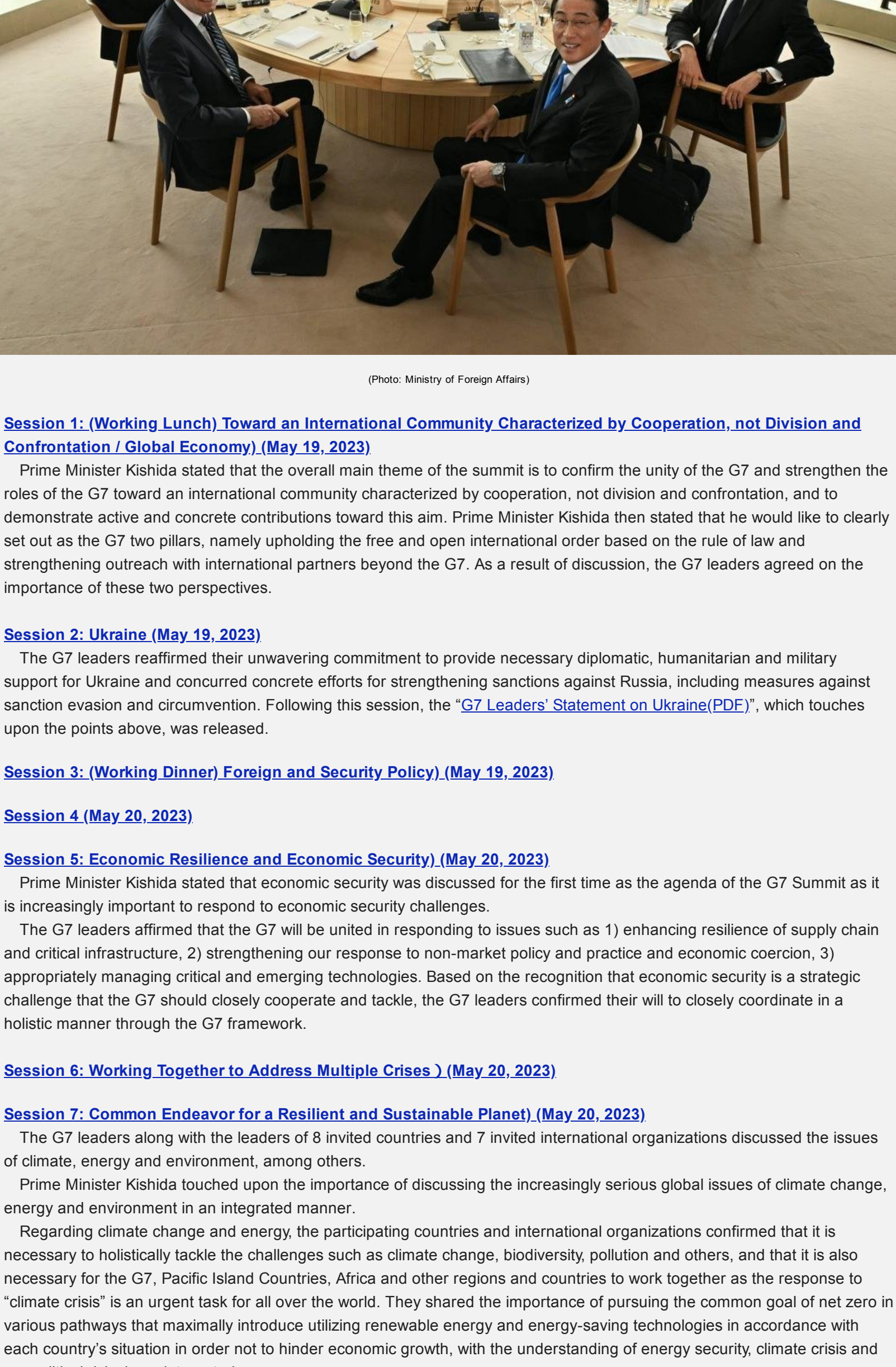
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G7 Hiroshima Summit Edition

In this issue, we are providing some highlights and links from the recent G7 Summit in Hiroshima. Check [the MOFA website here](#) for more information.

And, in our [Consulate Activities](#) section, CG Ingaki folds his 1000th origami crane!

1. Summit Sessions Overview



(Photo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Session 1: (Working Lunch) Toward an International Community Characterized by Cooperation, not Division and Confrontation / Global Economy (May 19, 2023)

Prime Minister Kishida stated that the overall main theme of the summit is to confirm the unity of the G7 and strengthen the roles of the G7 toward an international community characterized by cooperation, not division and confrontation, and to demonstrate active and concrete contributions toward this aim. Prime Minister Kishida then stated that he would like to clearly set out as the G7 two pillars, namely upholding the free and open international order based on the rule of law and strengthening outreach with international partners beyond the G7. As a result of discussion, the G7 leaders agreed on the importance of these two perspectives.

Session 2: Ukraine (May 19, 2023)

The G7 leaders reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to provide necessary diplomatic, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine and concurred concrete efforts for strengthening sanctions against Russia, including measures against sanction evasion and circumvention. Following this session, the ["G7 Leaders' Statement on Ukraine\(PDF\)"](#), which touches upon the points above, was released.

Session 3: (Working Dinner) Foreign and Security Policy (May 19, 2023)

Session 4 (May 20, 2023)

Session 5: Economic Resilience and Economic Security (May 20, 2023)

Prime Minister Kishida stated that economic security was discussed for the first time as the agenda of the G7 Summit as it is increasingly important to respond to economic security challenges.

The G7 leaders affirmed that the G7 will be united in responding to issues such as 1) enhancing resilience of supply chain and critical infrastructure, 2) strengthening our response to non-market policy and practice and economic coercion, 3) appropriately managing critical and emerging technologies. Based on the recognition that economic security is a strategic challenge that the G7 should closely cooperate and tackle, the G7 leaders confirmed their will to closely coordinate in a holistic manner through the G7 framework.

Session 6: Working Endeavor to Address Multiple Crises (May 20, 2023)

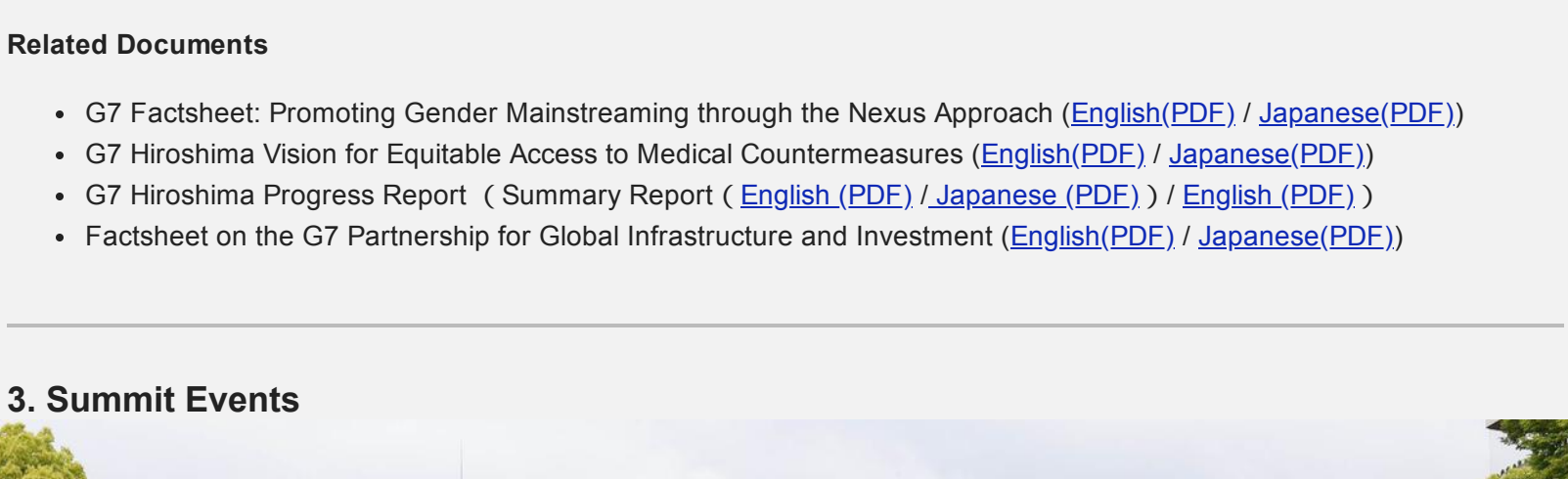
Session 7: Common Endeavor for a Resilient and Sustainable Planet (May 20, 2023)

The G7 leaders along with the leaders of 8 invited countries and 7 invited international organizations discussed the issues of climate, energy and environment, among others.

Prime Minister Kishida touched upon the importance of discussing the increasingly serious global issues of climate change, energy and environment in an integrated manner.

Regarding climate change and energy, the participating countries and international organizations confirmed that it is necessary to holistically tackle the challenges such as climate change, biodiversity, pollution and others, and that it is also necessary for the G7, Pacific Island Countries, Africa and other regions and countries to work together as the response to "climate crisis" is a urgent task for all over the world. They shared the importance of pursuing the common goal of net zero in various pathways that maximally introduce utilizing renewable energy and energy-saving technologies in accordance with each country's situation in order not to hinder economic growth, with the understanding of energy security, climate crisis and geopolitical risks in an integrated manner.

[Note] 8 invited countries are Australia, Brazil, Comoros (African Union Chair), Cook Island (Pacific Forum Chair), India (G20 Presidency), Indonesia (ASEAN Chair), Republic of Korea, Vietnam, United Nations, International Energy Agency (IEA), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), and World Trade Organization (WTO).



(Photo: Prime Minister's Cabinet Office)

Session 8: Ukraine (May 21, 2023)

The G7 leaders and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who attended as a guest, discussed the situation in Ukraine. At the beginning of the session, Prime Minister Kishida expressed his sincere respect for the courage and perseverance of the Ukrainian people standing up to Russia's aggression against Ukraine and overcoming harsh winter. Prime Minister Kishida also stated that the G7 welcomes and supports President Zelenskyy continuing sincere efforts toward just and lasting peace.

Moreover, the G7 leaders concurred that they will continue their unwavering commitment to provide diplomatic, financial, humanitarian and military assistance to Ukraine and reaffirmed their determination to restore peace in Ukraine and uphold the free and open international order based on the rule of law.

Session 9: Toward a Peaceful, Stable and Prosperous World (May 21, 2023)

On May 21st, the G7 Hiroshima Summit Session 9 "Toward a Peaceful, Stable and Prosperous World" was held. The G7 leaders along with the leaders of 8 invited countries and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who attended as a guest, discussed how to respond to the challenges to peace and stability that the international society is facing.

[Note] 8 invited countries are Australia, Brazil, Comoros (African Union Chair), Cook Island (Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Chair), India (G20 Presidency), Indonesia (ASEAN Chair), Republic of Korea and Vietnam.

2. Official Documents

G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))

Preamble (Abridged):

We, the Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7), met in Hiroshima for our annual Summit on May 19- 21, 2023, more united than ever in our determination to meet the global challenges of this moment and set the course for a better future. Our work is rooted in respect for the Charter of the United Nations (UN) and international partnership.

We are taking concrete steps to:

- support Ukraine for as long as it takes in the face of Russia's illegal war of aggression;
- strengthen disarmament and non-proliferation efforts, towards the ultimate goal of a world without nuclear weapons with undiminished security for all;
- coordinate our approach to economic resilience and economic security that is based on diversifying and deepening partnerships and de-risking, not de-coupling;
- drive the transition to clean energy economies of the future through cooperation within and beyond the G7

We are determined to work together and with others to:

- support a free and open Indo-Pacific and oppose any unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion;
- foster a strong and resilient global economic recovery, maintain financial stability, and promote jobs and sustainable growth;
- accelerate achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing that reducing poverty and tackling the climate and nature crisis go hand in hand;
- strengthen our partnerships with African countries and support greater African representation in multilateral fora;
- advance international discussions on inclusive artificial intelligence (AI) governance and interoperability to achieve our common vision and goal of trustworthy AI, in line with our shared democratic values.

We will champion international principles and shared values by:

- upholding and reinforcing the free and open international order based on the rule of law, respecting the UN Charter to the benefit of countries, large and small;
- strongly opposing any unilateral attempts to change the peacefully established status of territories by force or coercion anywhere in the world and reaffirming that the acquisition of territory by force is prohibited;
- promoting universal human rights, gender equality and human dignity;

We will work with our international partners to achieve a world that is human-centered, inclusive and resilient, leaving no one behind. In that spirit, we welcomed the participation of the Leaders of Australia, Brazil, Comoros, Cook Islands, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, and Vietnam.

[Read the full Communiqué here.](#)

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Standalone Statements

- G7 Leaders' Statement on Ukraine ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))
- G7 Leaders' Hiroshima Vision on Nuclear Disarmament ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))
- G7 Leaders' Statement on Economic Resilience and Economic Security ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))
- G7 Clean Energy Economy Action Plan ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))
- Hiroshima Action Statement for Resilient Global Food Security ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))

Related Documents

- G7 Factsheet: Promoting Gender Mainstreaming through the Nexus Approach ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))
- Visit to Hiroshima Vision for Equitable Access to Medical Countermeasures ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))
- G7 Hiroshima Progress Report (Summary Report) ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#) / [English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))
- Factsheet on the G7 Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment ([English\(PDF\)](#) / [Japanese\(PDF\)](#))

3. Summit Events

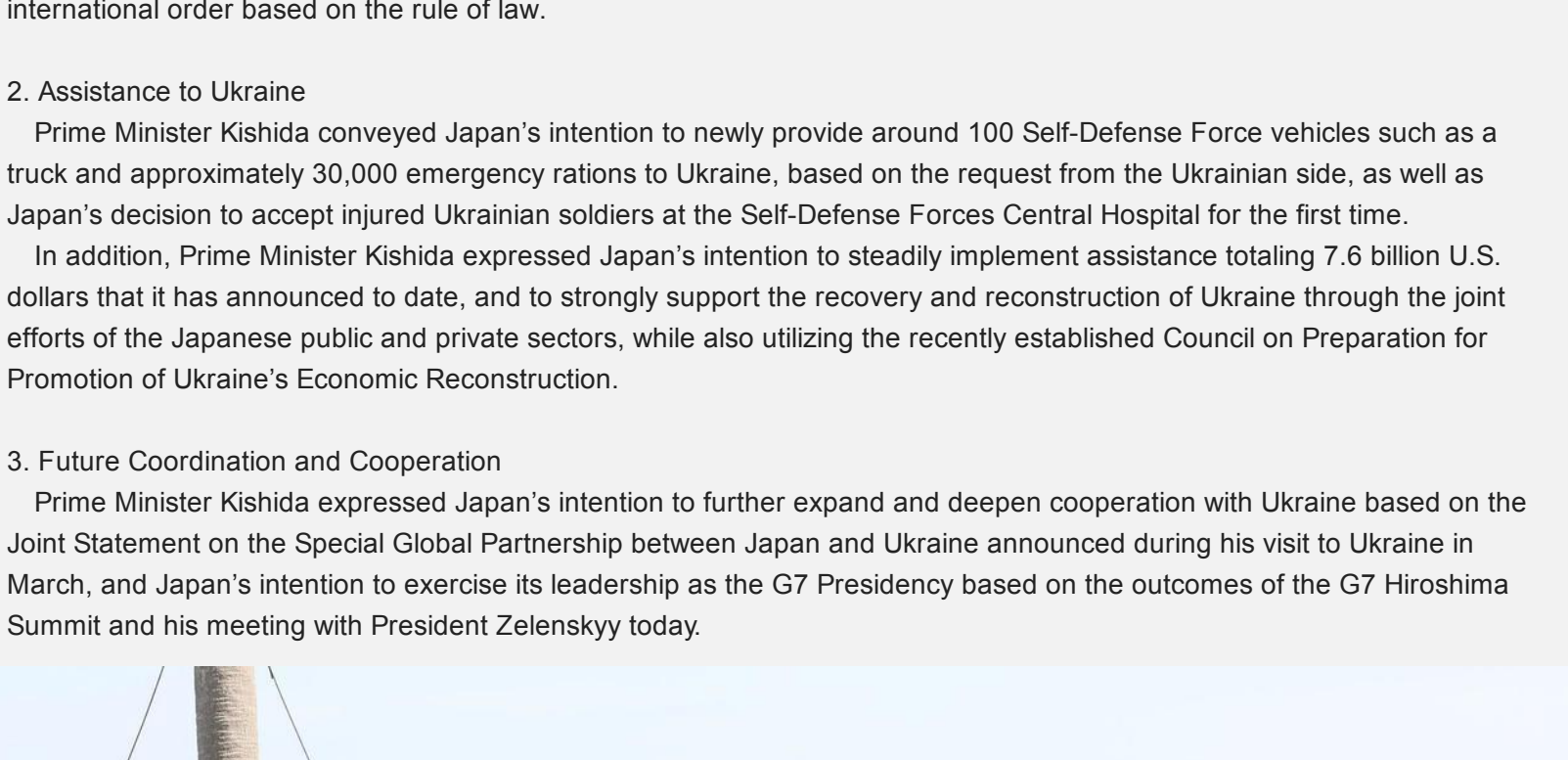


(Photo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims, and Tree-Planting Ceremony by the G7 Leaders (May 19, 2023)

On May 19, Prime Minister Kishida and his spouse, Mrs. Yuko Kishida, welcomed the G7 leaders and their spouses at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Prime Minister Kishida then visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims and the tree-planting ceremony with the G7 leaders inside the park.

Through their visit to the Peace Memorial Park, the G7 leaders deepened their understanding of the reality of the atomic bombings and joined their hearts in consoling the souls of lost lives. The G7 leaders reiterated their position that threats by Russia of nuclear weapon use, let alone its use are inadmissible. We are convinced that this visit became an opportunity to confirm G7's commitment to the realization of a world without nuclear weapons.



(Photo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Wreath-Laying at the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims by Prime Minister Kishida and Ukrainian President Zelenskyy (May 21, 2023)

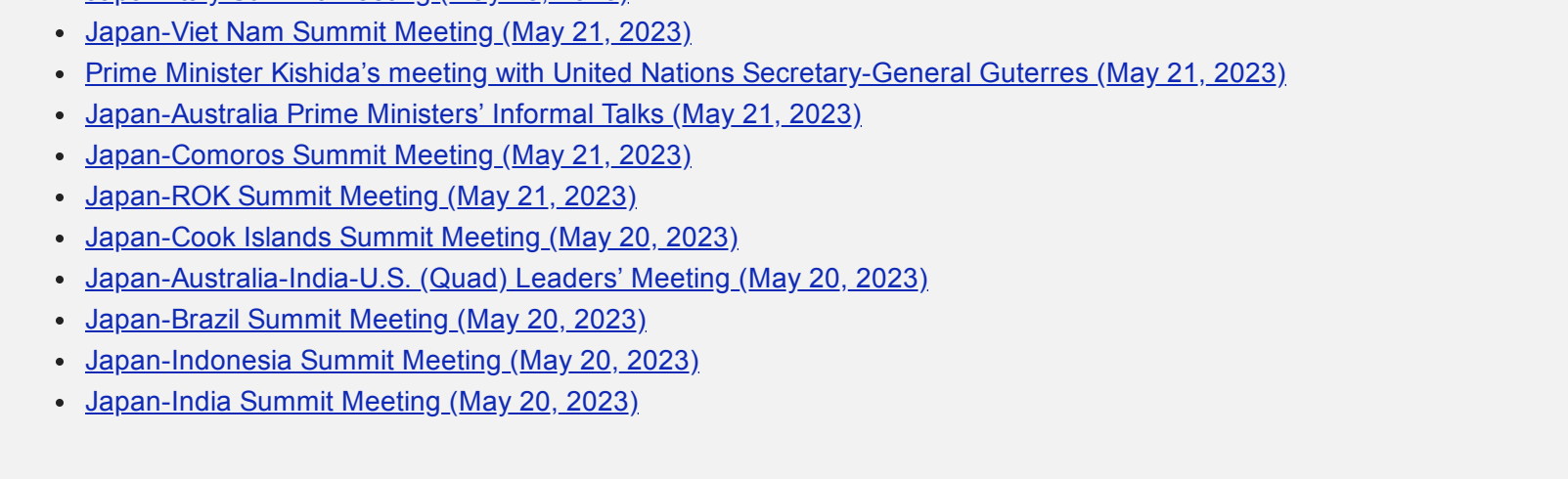
On May 21, Prime Minister Kishida and H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine, laid a wreath at the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Prime Minister Kishida and President Zelenskyy were escorted to the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims by Mr. MATSUI Kazumi, Mayor of the City of Hiroshima. They laid a wreath at the Cenotaph and offered a silent prayer with the support of junior high and high school students in Hiroshima.

In addition, President Zelenskyy visited the Peace Memorial Museum and received explanations about the exhibits.

More Summit Events Links:

- [Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's Visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum \(Guest Book Entries\) \(May 21, 2023\)](#)
- [Leaders of the Invited Countries and Heads of International Organizations Visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Lay Flowers at the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims \(May 21, 2023\)](#)
- [G7 Leaders' Visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum \(Guest Book Entries\) \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [G7 Leaders' Visit to Itsukushima Shrine \(May 19, 2023\)](#)
- [Visit to Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum and Shukkeien Garden \(G7 Hiroshima Summit Partners' Program Day 3\) \(May 21, 2023\)](#)
- [Spouses of leaders of the invited countries visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims \(May 21, 2023\)](#)
- [Visit to Itsukushima Shrine. Miyajima \(G7 Hiroshima Summit Partners' Program Day 2\) \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [G7 Leaders' Spouses Visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum \(Guest Book Entries\) \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [Next-Generation Symposium at Hiroshima Orizuru Tower \(G7 Hiroshima Summit Partners' Program Day 1\) \(May 19, 2023\)](#)
- [Visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims by the G7 Leaders' Spouses \(May 19, 2023\)](#)

4. Bilateral Meetings



(Photo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (May 18, 2023)

On May 18, Prime Minister Kishida held a Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting with the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States of America.

Prime Minister Kishida stated that the Japan-U.S. Alliance is the cornerstone of the peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, and that our multilateral cooperation is not limited to security and alliance, but to all fields. In response, President Biden stated that Japan and the U.S. share fundamental values, and that this Alliance is stronger than ever.

Prime Minister Kishida stated that Japan is working closely with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), one of the leading universities in the U.S., to conduct a feasibility study to establish a "Global Startup Campus" in central Tokyo (Meguro / Shibuya) in order to create an ecosystem of innovation and startup in the field of deep tech.

The two leaders exchanged their views on Japan-U.S. security cooperation, and concurred to continue to cooperate for further strengthening deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance, based on the outcomes of the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2") and the Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting in January. The two leaders reaffirmed the critical role that U.S. extended deterrence plays in ensuring the security of Japan as well as the peace and stability of the region, coupled with Japan's enhanced defense capabilities.

President Biden reiterated the U.S. commitment to the defense of Japan under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, backed by the full range of capabilities, including nuclear, and, in this context, the two leaders reaffirmed their intent to ensure full bilateral coordination throughout every phase of a developing situation.

The two leaders shared the recognition that U.S. engagement in the economic order of the region is becoming increasingly important and had a discussion on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). Prime Minister Kishida conveyed Japan's views and efforts on the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

The two leaders shared the importance of promoting and protecting critical technologies. The two leaders welcomed a potential signing of partnerships between Japanese and U.S. universities and companies in the area of quantum and semiconductor and concurred on expanding cooperation into the areas of biotechnology and the AI.



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Japan-Ukraine Summit Meeting (May 21, 2023)

On May 21, Prime Minister Kishida held a Summit Meeting with H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine, who is visiting Japan to attend some of the sessions of the G7 Hiroshima Summit.

1. Outcomes of the G7 Hiroshima Summit

Prime Minister Kishida stated that Russia's nuclear threat, let alone its use of nuclear weapons, are unacceptable, and that the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park with President Zelenskyy has important significance in the efforts to achieve a world without nuclear weapons. In response, President Zelenskyy stated that the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park with Prime Minister Kishida is greatly honorable. He further stated that the wreath-laying and the visit to the Museum deepened his recognition of the vast destruction brought about by wars and nuclear weapons, and he reconfirmed that wars cannot be allowed.

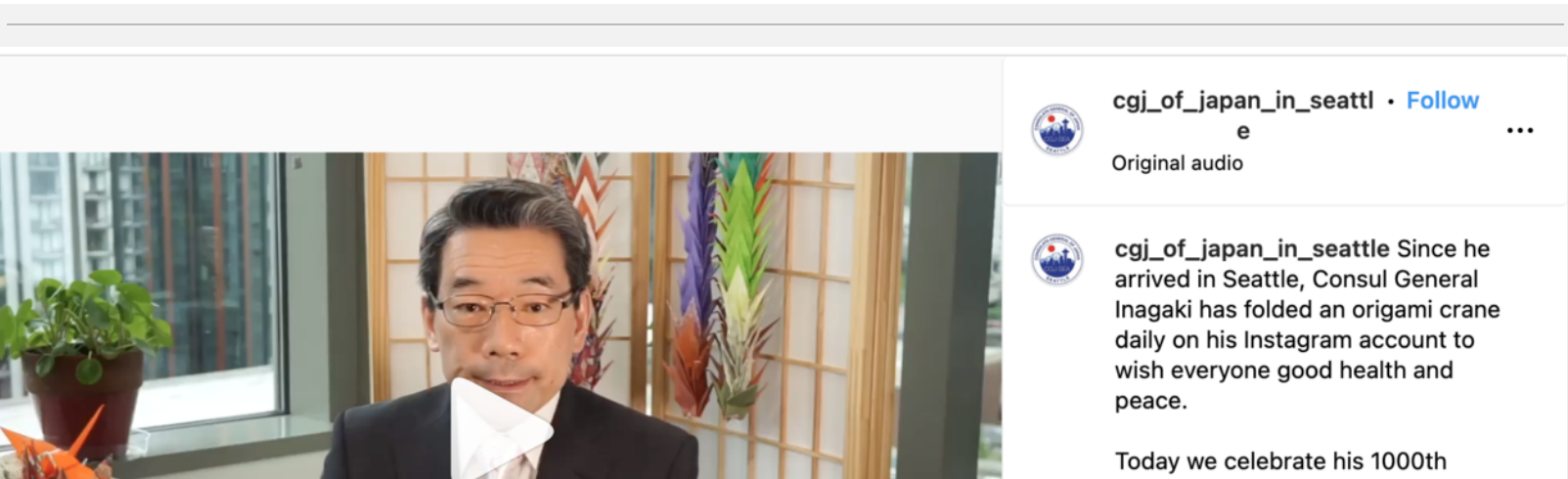
Prime Minister Kishida stated that, at this year's G7 Hiroshima Summit, the G7 leaders were more united than ever and reconfirmed that it is essential to strongly on the support Ukraine in all aspects and continue severe sanctions against Russia. In addition, Prime Minister Kishida stated that the G7 members and other invited countries confirmed that unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force are unacceptable anywhere in the world and that it is important to maintaining a free and open international order based on the rule of law.

2. Assistance to Ukraine

Prime Minister Kishida conveyed Japan's intention to newly provide around 100 Self-Defense Force vehicles such as a truck and approximately 30,000 emergency rations to Ukraine, based on the request from the Ukrainian side, as well as Japan's decision to accept injured Ukrainian soldiers at the Self-Defense Forces Central Hospital for the first time. In addition, Prime Minister Kishida expressed Japan's intention to steadily implement assistance totaling 7.6 billion U.S. dollars that it has announced to date, and to strongly support the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine through the joint efforts of the Japanese public and private sectors, while also utilizing the recently established Council on Preparation for Promotion of Ukraine's Economic and Infrastructure Reconstruction.

3. Future Coordination and Cooperation

Prime Minister Kishida expressed Japan's intention to further expand and deepen cooperation with Ukraine based on the Joint Statement on the Special Global Partnership between Japan and Ukraine announced during his visit to Ukraine in March, and Japan's intention to exercise its leadership as the G7 Presidency based on the outcomes of the G7 Hiroshima Summit and his meeting with President Zelenskyy today.



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Exchange of Views among Japan-U.S.-ROK Leaders (May 21, 2023)

In the afternoon of May 21, Prime Minister Kishida exchanged views for a short time with the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States of America and H.E. Mr. YOON Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea (ROK), recalling that this is the first engagement among the leaders of Japan, the U.S. and the ROK after Prime Minister Kishida's visit to the U.S. in January. President Yoon's visit to Japan in March, which provided the opportunity to open a new chapter of Japan-ROK relations, President Yoon's visit to the U.S. in April, and Prime Minister Kishida's visit to the ROK earlier this month, Prime Minister Kishida, President Biden, and President Yoon concurred on bringing Japan-U.S.-ROK coordination to a new height.

The leaders concurred on further enhancing strategic coordination among the three countries not only to respond to North Korea, but also to maintain a free and open international order based on the rule of law. The leaders concurred on advancing concrete cooperation in various areas including trilateral security cooperation such as real-time sharing of warning data of North Korean missiles, strengthening of trilateral dialogue on the Indo-Pacific, economic security, and engagement with Pacific Island countries.

Other Bilateral Meeting Links:

- [Japan-France Summit Meeting \(May 19, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Germany Summit Meeting \(May 19, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Canada Summit Meeting \(May 19, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-UK Leader's Working Dinner \(May 19, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Italy Summit Meeting \(May 18, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Viet Nam Summit Meeting \(May 21, 2023\)](#)
- [Prime Minister Kishida's meeting with United Nations Secretary-General Guterres \(May 21, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Australia Prime Ministers' Informal Talks \(May 21, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Comoros Summit Meeting \(May 21, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Cook Islands Summit Meeting \(May 21, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Australia-India-U.S. \(Quad\) Leaders' Meeting \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Brazil Summit Meeting \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Indonesia Summit Meeting \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-India Summit Meeting \(May 20, 2023\)](#)

5. Foreign Minister Hayashi

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Japan-U.S. Foreign Ministers' Meeting (May 19, 2023)

On May 19, Foreign Minister Hayashi held a meeting with the Honorable Antony Blinken, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

The two ministers exchanged their views on Japan-U.S. security cooperation, and concurred to steadily implement cooperation to further strengthen the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.

The two ministers concurred on continuing to work closely together in addressing issues related to China. The two ministers also confirmed the importance of cooperating with China on shared challenges.

The two ministers continued to pursue cooperation between Japan and the U.S., Japan and the ROK, as well as among Japan, the U.S., and the ROK toward the complete denuclearization of North Korea in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions. Minister Hayashi also asked for continued understanding and cooperation of the U.S. for the immediate resolution of the abductions issue, and once again gained full support from Secretary Blinken.

(Photo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Japan-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting (May 20, 2023)

On May 20, Foreign Minister Hayashi held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Dr. Park Jin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (ROK).

The two ministers welcomed that "shuttle diplomacy" between the leaders of Japan and the ROK has resumed in earnest and that the improvement of Japan-ROK relations is on track. They also welcomed the swift follow-ups to the summit held in March, including the recent Japan-ROK Security Dialogue, and the robust resurgence of bilateral exchanges in the business sector. Moreover, the two ministers shared the view to continue coordination among Japanese and ROK diplomatic authorities, including at the foreign-ministerial level, in order to foster even thinner and wider-ranging Japan-ROK cooperation.

The two ministers exchanged views on the support Ukraine in all aspects and concurred to explore the possibilities of concrete Japan-ROK coordination and cooperation towards the realization of a free and open Indo-Pacific. They also exchanged views on North Korea and shared the view to continue to respond through close coordination between Japan and the ROK, and among Japan, the United States, and the ROK.

More Foreign Minister Meeting Links:

- [Meeting between Foreign Minister Hayashi and OECD Secretary-General Guterres \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [Meeting between Foreign Minister Hayashi and World Bank President Malpass \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [Meeting between Foreign Minister Hayashi and WTO Director-General Okunjo-Iweala \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [Foreign Minister Hayashi's meeting with Dr. Faath Birol, Executive Director of the IEA \(May 20, 2023\)](#)
- [Japan-Brazil Foreign Ministers' Meeting \(May 19, 2023\)](#)

Consulate Activities

CG Ingaki's 1000th Origami Crane Videos

Every day since he arrived in Seattle, Consul General Hiseo Ingaki has folded an origami crane and posted a video on his Instagram account to wish everyone good health and peace.

Earlier this month, we celebrated his 1000th crane! CG Ingaki would like to express his sincere thanks to all his followers for their kind messages of support. If you haven't already, take a moment to follow CG Ingaki on Instagram! <https://www.instagram.com/hiseoingaki/>

Below you can view CG Ingaki's video of his 100th crane (Click image link to open Instagram).

The second video was made by our media team to commemorate the occasion, and [can also be viewed on our Youtube channel](#).

