

**World Humanitarian Summit
Leaders Segment**

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Mr. Chairman,

In the face of this unprecedented humanitarian crises, I firmly believe that the only possible solution is for us, world leaders who gather here in Istanbul, to fulfill our responsibility to the future of humanity by proactively taking action with the United Nations at the forefront.

Immediately after this Summit, Japan will host the G7 Ise-Shima Summit for two days from the 26th of May. G7 will also discuss on the humanitarian crises including the refugee situation in the Middle East. I am sure that the essence of the discussions here would be reflected to the G7 Ise-Shima Summit.

For this occasion, Japan has decided to make substantial contribution to addressing the root causes of the humanitarian crises. To give one example, in the aim of restoring tolerant and stable societies in the Middle East and North Africa, Japan will provide an assistance package of about 6 billion US dollars in the next three years, to provide humanitarian assistance for refugees, capacity building for 20 thousand people, medical care, healthcare and education and other various assistance.

This assistance will be carried out with the intention of “leaving no one behind.” It represents the solidarity of the people of Japan with the people affected by the current crises and is an implementation of our philosophy of “human security,” which Japan has long advocated.

Even though the calamities in the Middle East and North Africa are physically far from Japan, we recognize them as our own pain as the same humanity. This is partly because various issues are ongoing in Northeast Asia too. However, Japan will not initiate conflicts. Japan will continue on its path as a peace-loving nation and to implement proactive contribution to peace based on the principle of international cooperation. Japan further commits to make every effort to contribute to world peace and prosperity.

Thank you for your attention.