

Korean War and became the second-largest transshipment hub in the world, leading the “Miracle on the Han River”. Without Busan, Korea would not have been able to stand where it is today.

Now the Republic of Korea will play its role as a responsible member of the global community by hosting the 2030 Expo in Busan—a gateway that links the Eurasian continent and the Pacific.

Korea intends to give back to the international community by sharing its

experience of economic growth and development, reciprocating the help it has received in the past.

The 1851 London Expo was an expo of the Industrial Revolution. The 1990 Paris Expo was an expo of culture. The 1962 Seattle Expo was an expo which opened the new space era. The 2000 Hannover Expo was an expo of the environment. The 2030 Busan Expo will be an expo of the solidarity.

The basis of Korea’s national and foreign policy is freedom and

solidarity. Building upon these values, the 2030 Busan Expo will serve as a platform to spread freedom in the spirit of solidarity, through which the world citizens can overcome crises and challenges together

The Busan Expo will be a festival where all nations can come together to share their history, culture, goods, and visions for the future, and will significantly contribute to the freedom, peace, and prosperity of the citizens around the globe.

Thank you.

THIS ‘GLOBAL VILLAGE’ WHERE WE ALL LIVE

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Address by LI QIANG,
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Your Excellency Prime Minister Narendra Modi,
Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to attend the G20 New Delhi Summit. I wish to thank Prime Minister Modi and the Indian government for the thoughtful arrangements made for the summit, and warmly welcome the African Union into the G20!

The theme of this summit “One Earth, One Family, One Future” is of high significance, and encapsulates a similar vision with President Xi Jinping’s proposal of building a community with a shared future for mankind. We may all have this feeling: when “global village” becomes a commonplace notion worldwide, it is not just about reduced time and space brought by economic growth and technological advances, but more importantly the ever closer ties between countries and individuals on this planet. It is like we are villagers living in the same village, and humanity is in a community with a shared future. In particular, under the compounded impacts of unprecedented global transformation and a

once-in-a-century pandemic, much has changed in our world in recent years. The most important thing these changes tell us is that humanity is bound by a common stake. No one can stay unaffected in the event of major crises and common challenges, and solidarity and cooperation is the only right way forward.

In this “global village” where we all live, all countries, regardless of size or location, should take a broader view and do more thinking about the future of humanity while pursuing one’s own interests. It is with such consideration in mind that Chinese President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative. We call on all countries to respect each other, seek common ground while reserving differences, live together in peace, and work jointly to meet global challenges and create a better future. In particular, given the huge challenges confronting the global recovery and sustainable development, it is all the more important for G20 members to stick to solidarity

and cooperation, and live up to our responsibility for peace and development, in the interest of humanity’s shared future and well-being.

We need to step up macroeconomic policy coordination, uphold the security of the international economic and financial systems, promote innovations in the digital economy and inject confidence and impetus into global growth, to be partners in promoting the world economic recovery. We need to steadfastly advance economic globalization, support the multilateral trading regime, firmly oppose the politicization of economic and trade issues, and keep global industrial and supply chains stable and smooth, to be partners in promoting open cooperation at the global level.

We need to jointly protect planet Earth as our green home. We should uphold the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, follow through on the G20 Green Development Pact, push forward green and low-carbon development, and protect the marine ecological environment, to be partners in promoting

global sustainable development. In a word, we must choose solidarity over division, cooperation over confrontation, and inclusiveness over exclusion. Only by doing so can we open up brighter prospects for global development and usher in a better future for humankind.

China has all along stood for peace, development and win-win cooperation. We are committed to being a builder of world peace, contributor to global development and defender of

the international order. Going forward, we will remain firm in deepening reform, expanding opening up, pursuing high-quality development, and advancing Chinese modernization. This year, the Chinese economy has generally been on an upward trajectory, and solid progress has been made in high-quality development. China's development enjoys bright prospects, and will inject more and fresh impetus to the global recovery and sustainable development. China

will host the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation next month and the sixth China International Import Expo in November. All parties are welcome to take an active part in these events and share the opportunities of mutually beneficial cooperation. China is ready to make greater efforts together with all other parties for the good of our common planet, common home and common future!

Thank you!

A TURNING POINT IN HISTORY

This turning point is not just something that historians of the future will chronicle and interpret. It is something that you can feel happening right now.

Address by FUMIO KISHIDA,
Prime Minister, Japan



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1. Introduction

It is truly gratifying to speak today at the historic Economic Club of New York to so many leaders in the world of finance.

Yet, as I know you would agree, it is the restlessness of capitalism that gives us growth and progress. It is this restlessness that helps us meet the future.

That future has been tested recently. Over the past year, we've seen Russian aggression against Ukraine, soaring commodity prices, supply chain disruptions, and rampant disinformation. At this history's turning point, I have been determined as Japan's prime minister to tackle head-on the issues we face, one and then the other.

Today, I would like to speak to you about what we in Japan have achieved over the past year, as well as what we are determined to do going forward.

2. Diplomacy

We have faced any number of major challenges on the diplomatic and security fronts.

There can be no question that the Russian aggression against Ukraine was history's turning point that ended the post-Cold War period. The Ukraine issue is a challenge that extends beyond Europe to the entire world order. So, what is the best option for the peace and stability of the world and of the Asia-Pacific? I have thought about this a great deal since taking office as prime minister.

First of all, I set out a fundamental reinforcement of Japan's defense capabilities. Supported by those defense capabilities, we have exerted every possible diplomatic effort to reinforce our relations with our allies and with like-minded countries. While the enhancement of our alliance with the United States, our true friend, goes without saying, we have also improved our relations with the Republic of Korea (ROK). That bore fruit when, last month at Camp David, my friend Joe, President Yoon, and I stated we will open up a new era of trilateral Japan-U.S.-ROK partnership.

At the same time, I have also been very active under Japan's presidency of the G7. At the G7 Hiroshima Summit

held in May this year, cooperation with the Global South was one of the important themes. The leaders of India, Brazil, Indonesia, and other countries in the Global South, along with the president of Ukraine, held discussions around the same table. The result was a significant achievement. We worked out the fundamental approach on which the international community is grounded, namely, that we will fully defend the free and open international order based on the rule of law.

One part of my life work on the diplomatic front has been nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation. I am a Japanese prime minister with roots in Hiroshima, so you will understand what this issue means to me. And you will not be surprised that it was also an important agenda item at the G7 summit. I truly believe we achieved the major goal of having the national leaders encounter firsthand the tragic realities of the atomic bombings and commit to realizing "a world without nuclear weapons." We also sent a strong and urgent message to Russia, which has been recklessly making nuclear threats.

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