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The Second In-Person Meeting of the Hiroshima AI Process
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I am Sanae Takaichi, Prime Minister of Japan.

I would like to offer a few words of greeting as we convene the In-Person Meeting of the Hiroshima AI Process Friends Group.

I thank all of you who have gathered here in Tokyo today from many parts of the world.

Since assuming the office of Prime Minister in October of last year, I have designated AI as a cornerstone of our national growth strategy.

In order to promote AI innovation and leverage it as a driver of economic and social development, it is essential to establish a “safe, secure, and trustworthy AI” ecosystem.

It is important that we share an interoperable ecosystem that minimizes the risks posed by AI, including those related to information security.

In 2016, while serving as the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications, I had great expectations for the potential of AI, and I believed it would bring revolutionary changes to the global socio-economy. At the G7 ICT Ministers' Meeting hosted by Japan during its G7 Presidency, I proposed international discussions on the socio-economic impact of AI and development principles, leading to the compilation of the “AI R&D Guidelines”.

Under these guiding principles, Japan have been actively contributing to the international discussions on AI. We took the initiative to launch the Hiroshima AI Process in 2023 under the Japan's G7 Presidency and has taken the lead in international discussions, including the development of the first international norms for generative AI.

Creating a “safe, secure, and trustworthy AI” ecosystem requires us to share principles and knowledge and to co-create this ecosystem through international cooperation based on trust.

The members of the Friends Group gathered here today are the friends who have endorsed the principles of the Hiroshima AI Process. Leading global companies at the forefront of AI innovation have also joined as partners.

Japan is vigorously promoting public–private investment aimed at developing a “trustworthy AI”. Japan will work to foster AI ecosystems tailored to the realities of each country and region. Our efforts focus on the development of trustworthy AI that reflects the languages and cultures of each country, the cultivation of AI talent, the promotion of joint research, and the co-creation of AI solutions to address societal challenges faced by each country, and ensuring the safety of AI.

The pace of the evolution of AI is extremely rapid. Without falling behind the speed of the evolution of AI, let us work together to realize a “trustworthy AI”.

In closing, I hope this meeting is fruitful, and I extend my best wishes for your health and happiness.

Thank you very much for your attention.