



ASO DELIVERS AN ADDRESS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Prime Minister Taro Aso delivered an address at the UN General Assembly on September 25. He began his speech in English saying: “It is my greatest honor to stand here as the new Japanese Prime Minister – brand new, really, having been designated by the Diet just slightly more than 24 hours ago.” Referring to the recent global financial uncertainty, Prime Minister Aso noted that “Japan is eager to contribute its experience and its knowledge.” On for-



eign policy, he stated, “Japan has come a long way, with the Japan-US alliance as an unchangeable cornerstone, while steadfastly enhancing the relationships with neighboring Asian nations.”

Prime Minister Aso also held bilateral meetings with Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Iraq President Jalal Talabani.

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