



The prime minister delivering an address at an informal high-level event at COP15.

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Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama attended and addressed an informal high-level event at the 15th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP15) on December 18.

“I announced Japan’s aim to reduce its emissions by 25% by 2020 if compared to the 1990 level despite concerns of industry. The day before yesterday, Japan announced that it would provide assistance to developing countries in the amount of about 15 billion U.S. dollars in total up to 2012, including 11 billion U.S. dollars in public financing. These are premised upon the establishment of a fair and effective international framework by all major economies and agreement on their ambitious targets.” he said in his speech.

“Our task ahead should be that of drawing up a comprehensive new legal document possibly by the middle of next year, based on today’s languages of political agreement.”

Besides the speech, Prime Minister Hatoyama attended a dinner for heads of state on December 17 and a meeting that began immediately after the dinner, which continued until dead of night, thus directly participating in the negotiations to draw up a COP15 agreement.

COP15 concluded on December 19 with the parties agreeing to “take note” of the Copenhagen Accord.

 On the Internet

http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/hatoyama/actions/200912/18cop_e.html