

TELEPHONE TALK BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER ABE SHINZO AND UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY- GENERAL ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

On May 22, 2020, Mr. Abe Shinzo, Prime Minister of Japan, held a telephone talk with H. E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations. The overview of the talk is as follows.

At the beginning, Prime Minister Abe stated that he paid his respects to Secretary-General Guterres's leadership in addressing the unprecedented global crisis of the pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus. Prime Minister Abe also stated that he would like to convey the support of Japan for the United Nations' efforts, and that Japan would continue working closely with the UN organizations. Prime Minister

Abe explained the measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus infection taken by Japan.

In response, Secretary-General Guterres expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Japan's generous support. Prime Minister Abe also stated that Japan remains committed to leading the efforts to overcome the crisis under the guiding principles of human security and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The two sides shared the view that both the prevention for health crises in developing countries and the immediate recovery of the world economy as a whole are important.



Prime Minister Abe meets with UN Secretary-General Guterres at the G20 Osaka Summit, June 28, 2019 (file photos)