



July 8, 2026

Her Excellency TAKAICHI Sanae

Prime Minister of Japan
Prime Minister's Office, Tokyo

Your Excellency,

On this day of remembrance — four years since the world lost Prime Minister Shinzo Abe — the Boston Global Forum respectfully shares with you a work created in his honor, and an initiative born of his spirit.

Today we release the memorial trailer of Shinzo Abe — *Peace Through Strength*, a political drama produced by AIWS Film Park under the Shinzo Abe Initiative. The film returns to December 12, 2015, when the Boston Global Forum honored Prime Minister Abe at the Harvard Faculty Club as a World Leader for Peace and Security, and he responded with a video message of quiet conviction. From that small room, the film follows five decisive moments of his life to the answer he gave the world: peace is not something to pray for — it is something to keep. All imagery of Prime Minister Abe is authentic archival footage from videos the Government of Japan has made available to the public; no artificial recreation of his likeness or voice is used at any point. A full introduction is enclosed.

The film will have its world premiere at the Boston Global Forum Conference at Loeb House, Harvard University, this November — returning to the very place where its founding question was first asked. It would be a profound honor if Your Excellency would grace the premiere in person, or with a video message to be shown at the ceremony. We can imagine no more fitting echo across time: in 2015, Prime Minister Abe addressed Harvard by video message; in April 2023, at that very same Faculty Club, the Boston Global Forum had the honor of presenting Your Excellency with the World Leader in AIWS Award; and in 2026, at the same university, your words would complete the circle.

The film does not close with farewell, but with a torch carried forward. In that spirit, we are honored to share with Your Excellency a new initiative of AIWS Lumina: Hồn Trà — the Soul of Tea — a ceremony joining Boston, Tokyo, and Nha Trang, carrying Prime Minister Abe's

noble aspirations into the age of artificial intelligence — toward a world of Love, Creativity, Nobility, and Wisdom. We envision the first ceremony taking place alongside the November premiere at Harvard. Tokyo stands at the heart of this circle, and Your Excellency's blessing — or the presence of a representative of the Government of Japan — would give the ceremony its fullest meaning.

Prime Minister Abe once taught the world that friendship among nations is not declared — it is cultivated, patiently. The film remembers the man; Hồn Trà continues his cultivation.

With deepest respect for Your Excellency's service, and in shared remembrance of a leader whose example now belongs to the world,

With the highest respect,



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SHINZO ABE — PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

A Political Drama in Five Decisive Moments · 20 minutes · Working title

Origin

On December 12, 2015, at the Harvard Faculty Club, the Boston Global Forum honored Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as a World Leader for Peace and Security. The Prime Minister graciously responded with a video message. In a small room that winter day, a question was asked among the Forum's leadership — a question this film exists to answer: what does it truly take to keep the peace? Prime Minister Abe's life offered the answer his own generation needed, and the generations after him will need again: peace is not preserved by goodwill alone, but by strength placed in the hands of those who understand why they hold it.

The Film

Rather than survey an entire career, the film distills Prime Minister Abe's life into five decisive moments, each given the depth it deserves: the resignation of 2007 and the years of quiet perseverance that followed; the security legislation of 2015, when he chose what was right over what was popular; the Trump Tower meeting of November 2016, when he entered

a room the whole world was still standing outside; the morning of August 29, 2017, when a missile crossed the sky over Hokkaido and a nation saw its Prime Minister unshaken; and July 8, 2022, in Nara, together with the State Funeral at the Nippon Budokan — where a people bowed to the man who had once bowed to them.

While the film distills his statesmanship into these five moments of the question of peace, it honors the fuller arc of his legacy — from the economic renewal the world came to know as Abenomics, to the vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific that now guides the region and inspires the Indo-Pacific Spark Initiative.

The film's treatment of July 8 is governed by an absolute principle: no act of violence is depicted or reconstructed in any form. That morning is told through stillness, silence, and a single falling cherry blossom.

The Witnesses

Woven through the drama are original interviews, conducted personally by Nguyen Anh Tuan for the Boston Global Forum, with three men who stood close to Prime Minister Abe: Mr. Taniguchi Tomohiko, his adviser and speechwriter; the Honorable Nakayama Yasuhide, his ally in matters of defense and security; and Mr. Seko Hiroshige, his long-time ally and communications strategist. They do not narrate what audiences can see; they reveal what lay behind it.

A Commitment to Dignity

All imagery of Prime Minister Abe in the film is authentic archival footage from videos the Government of Japan has made available to the public. No artificial recreation of his likeness or voice is used at any point. Where scenes must be evoked rather than documented, the film turns to a restrained artistic language inspired by Japanese ink painting — never to imitation.

The Torch Carried

The film closes looking forward: Prime Minister Abe has departed, but his work, his thought, and his noble aspirations are kindled anew — in the Indo-Pacific Spark Initiative and in AIWS Lumina, where Hồn Trà, the Soul of Tea ceremony, joins Boston, Tokyo, and Nha Trang, inspiring a world of Love, Creativity, Nobility, and Wisdom in the age of AI.

Dates

A two-minute memorial trailer is released today, July 8, 2026, marking four years since Prime Minister Abe's passing. The film will have its world premiere at the Boston Global Forum Conference at Loeb House, Harvard University, in November 2026 — returning to the very place where its founding question was first asked.

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