



JAPAN AND THE TRUST INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Distinguished Guests,
Friends and Partners from around the world,

Welcome to Tokyo. Welcome to Interop Tokyo 2026.

Today, we gather not only to discuss technology. We gather to consider the future of human civilization in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

Artificial intelligence is transforming our world at extraordinary speed. Its capabilities grow; its influence expands; its impact will be felt in every nation, and every life.

But as intelligence grows, a deeper question rises with it—

Can humanity trust the systems it creates?

This question is no longer merely technical. It is economic. It is social. It is political. It is moral. And in the end, it is civilizational.

For the future of artificial intelligence will not be decided by capability alone. It will be decided by trust.

And in an age when a machine can wear any face and speak in any voice, the rarest thing in the world becomes the simplest:

to know what is true, and whom to trust.



Why should Japan help to answer this? Because trust is the work Japan knows best.

It lives in monozukuri — the discipline of making things that do not fail; in the reliability the world has come to expect of Japanese hands, and of the Japanese word.

Japan helped lead the industrial age, and helped shape the digital age, not by being the loudest, but by being among the most dependable. That is precisely the character this new age requires.

Several years ago, under the leadership of the late Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Japan gave the world a vision: a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

It was never only a matter of geography. It was a conviction — that the order of the future must rest on rules, on openness, and on trust.

Prime Minister Abe understood that infrastructure is never only physical; the deepest infrastructure of any free society is trust. As we approach the fourth year since his passing, let his conviction guide us.

And so I say to you today:

For a generation, Japan was an architect of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

In the age of artificial intelligence, Japan is ready to become a co-architect of something further — a Trust Infrastructure for all humanity.



This is why I welcome the work of the Boston Global Forum and the AI World Society. This is why I welcome the AIWS Trust Infrastructure, the AIWS Trust Order, and the Tokyo Compact that will be introduced today.

I am grateful to Governor Michael Dukakis and to Nguyen Anh Tuan, who have prepared this moment over many years, and who chose Tokyo as the place to begin.

Japan is prepared to contribute. We believe that trust must become infrastructure:

measurable, verifiable, transparent — and earned.

And as artificial intelligence advances toward more autonomous and self-improving capabilities, we hold to a principle that must not bend: meaningful human command must remain.

Technology must remain accountable to humanity. Human dignity must remain the highest standard. And wisdom must guide power.

Within Japan's parliament, and among Japan's institutions, I will work to advance this cause.



Japan stands ready to work with partners across Asia and the Indo-Pacific, with the United States, with Europe, and with the Global South.

Let Japan serve as an anchor of standards and of trust — and extend a hand to Vietnam, to ASEAN, to the nations of the Global South — so that the benefits of trustworthy artificial intelligence belong not to a few, but to all.

What we begin in Tokyo in 2026, let us demonstrate together across Asia in 2027.

The world does not simply need more intelligent systems. The world needs trustworthy ones. And humanity needs a Trust Infrastructure for the Age of AI.

Let it be remembered that here, in Tokyo, Japan chose to build not only intelligence, but trust — and offered it, as it once offered a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, to all the world.

Let us work together — so that artificial intelligence serves humanity, protects human dignity, and advances a freer, safer, wiser, and more peaceful world.

Thank you very much.

ありがとうございます。

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