

Japanese And Australian PMs Confirm Commitments

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda have released a joint statement reaffirming the importance of the relationship between Japan and Australia, and confirmed their commitment to strengthen further the comprehensive strategic, security and economic partnership between Japan and Australia including on climate change. Rudd says he welcomes close co-operation with Japan in advancing the climate change agenda, stressing the importance of Japan's leadership as the G8 Chair for 2008. The two Prime Ministers expressed their resolve to work to establish, by the end of 2009, an effective international climate change framework in which all major economies participate in a responsible manner through the negotiations under the UNFCCC process. The two Prime Ministers confirmed their commitment to working with others in the Major Economies process on a shared vision for a long term global emissions reduction goal.

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