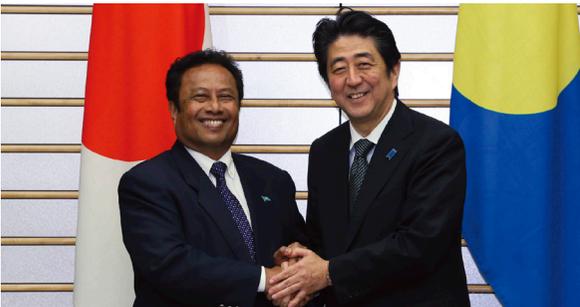


## JAPAN-PALAU SUMMIT MEETING



Prime Minister Abe shaking hands with the President of Palau

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held talks with H.E. Mr. Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, at the Prime Minister's Office. At the beginning, Prime Minister Abe said he was honored to be able to welcome President Remengesau in the year commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, and hopes this visit to Japan by President Remengesau would be an opportunity to deepen the relationship between the two countries.

In response, President Remengesau said that the relationship of friendly cooperation between the two countries predates the establishment of diplomatic relations and Palau is on extremely close terms with Japan, and expressed strong expectations that the partnership between Japan and Palau will be strengthened further.

## INAUGURATION OF THE THIRD ABE CABINET



At the commemorative photograph session

On December 24, 2014, the Third Abe Cabinet was inaugurated.

In the evening, Yoshihide Suga, who was reappointed as Chief Cabinet Secretary, announced the list of Cabinet members at the Prime Minister's Office. Following this, the investiture ceremony of the Prime Minister, and the attestation ceremonies for Ministers of State and Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretaries were held at the Imperial Palace, marking the official inauguration of the Third Abe Cabinet.

## PRIME MINISTER ABE ISSUES CONDOLENCE MESSAGES FOLLOWING SHOOTING INCIDENT IN PARIS, FRANCE



Prime Minister Abe records a message of condolence at the French Embassy

Following a shooting incident that occurred in Paris on the morning of January 7 (local time) and resulted in a large number of casualties, Prime Minister Abe sent the following message to H.E.

Mr. Francois Hollande, President of France, on the same day:

“I cannot help but be immensely shocked and outraged to hear that the shooting terrorism incident that occurred in Paris has resulted in a large number of casualties. Vicious terrorism such as this cannot be tolerated for any reason, and I resolutely condemn it. On behalf of the Government of Japan and its nationals, I would like to express our sincere condolences to all the victims and their families, and extend our heartfelt sympathies to the injured. Japan stands with France at this difficult time.”

PHOTO: EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN JAPAN