

THE PRIME MINISTER VISITS UKRAINE



Prime Minister Abe shaking hands with the President of Ukraine

On June 6 (local time), Prime Minister Shinzo Abe became the first Japanese Prime Minister to visit Ukraine.

In the morning, the Prime Minister offered flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Memorial in Commemoration of Famines' (Holodomor) Victims in Ukraine, and the Maidan memorial.

Afterward, the Prime Minister attended a military parade, followed by a summit meeting, signing ceremony, and joint press announcement with H.E. Mr. Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine. Following that, the Prime Minister attended a welcome lunch hosted by President Poroshenko and his wife.

In the afternoon, the Prime Minister held talks with H.E. Mr. Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Prime Minister of Ukraine, and H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Groysman, Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada.

Additionally, the Prime Minister also observed a hybrid car being used by traffic police, and visited Saint Sophia's Cathedral.

G7 SUMMIT 2015 IN SCHLOSS ELMAU

On June 7 and 8 (local time), Prime Minister Abe visited the Federal Republic of Germany to attend the G7 Summit 2015 in Schloss Elmau.

Prime Minister Abe, who was asked to give an opening address at the summit, stated: "This year marks the seventieth anniversary since the end of World War II and



The G7 leaders' commemorative photograph session

the fortieth anniversary since the Rambouillet Summit, and looking back, the G7 has underpinned the order of the international community based on the fundamental values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. It is the G7 that is capable of reacting from a global perspective. The responsibility of G7 members is significant, and the solidarity of the G7 is becoming increasingly important."

JAPAN-GERMANY SUMMIT MEETING



The Japan-Germany Summit Meeting

On June 7 (local time), Prime Minister Abe, while visiting Schloss Elmau to attend the G7 Summit, held a summit meeting with H.E. Dr. Angela Merkel, Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Chancellor Merkel stated that she was delighted to meet with Prime Minister Abe again, and praised his meaningful contribution to the first session of the G7 Summit. In response, Prime Minister Abe stated, "I am also delighted to meet Chancellor Merkel again in such a splendid venue, and would like to praise her accomplishments as the chair of the G7 Summit. Japan, which will serve as the chair country after Germany next year, intends to cooperate even more closely with Germany, including the hand-off of the results of this year."