

## 2016 NATIONAL RALLY TO DEMAND THE RETURN OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES



Prime Minister Abe delivering an address

On February 7, Prime Minister Abe attended the 2016 National Rally to Demand the Return of the Northern Territories, held in Tokyo.

The National Rally is held every year on February 7, which is Northern Territories Day. It is an event for concerned members of the public and private sectors to gather at a single venue to call for the further and broader development of the national movement for the return of the Northern Territories, and to express to those both inside and outside Japan the strong resolve of the people of Japan to demand the early return of the Northern Territories.

## COURTESY CALL BY INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF AIZU HOMARE IN FUKUSHIMA PREF.



Prime Minister Abe receives a bottle of Aizu Homare from a Homare Sake Brewery Co., Ltd. representative

On February 8, Prime Minister Abe received a courtesy call from individuals involved in the production of Aizu Homare, which won the Champion Sake Trophy at the 2015 International Wine Challenge, at the Prime Minister's Office.

## JAPAN-PALESTINE SUMMIT MEETING AND COURTESY CALL FROM THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROJECT IN SHIZUOKA



Prime Minister Abe greets Palestinian President Abbas

On February 15, Prime Minister Abe hosted a summit meeting and other events with H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority, at the Prime Minister's Office. The two leaders exchanged views on peace in the Middle East and regional affairs, including Syria.

Before the summit meeting, Prime Minister Abe received a courtesy call from participants in the Middle East Peace Project in Shizuoka at the Prime Minister's Office on February 12.



Prime Minister Abe greets Palestinian and Israeli youths