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**Proposal for Asia-Pacific Communication Center in Okinawa**

Discussion Session: Asian Center for Solving International Conflicts and Maintaining and Building a Peace in the Asia and Pacific Regions – Session 2: Idea of APCC (Asia-Pacific Communication Center)

In view of the existing complex issues related to territory, human rights, economy, and environment, etc. in Asia, there is a growing need for the establishment of an international research and education center in Asia. After much discussion, we concluded that Okinawa could be the strongest candidate for such a center that primarily engages in activities for the promotion of peace and the creation of a sustainable future in the Asia-Pacific region. Okinawa has long been at the crossroads of maritime trade as well as the center of many fierce battles in history and is situated as the gateway of Japan to the Asia-Pacific region. As the people of Okinawa have a visceral longing for peace, we consider Okinawa an ideal place for the center. I would like to discuss with you major functions of the center so that our proposal can be successfully implemented in the near future.