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Policy Reform of Japan's Official Development Aid

Panel: Conflict Resolution 3

Japan is on the way to reform its ODA policy to conform to the recent changes in demands for international cooperation of the developing countries, as well as to the changes in Japan's strategies for contributing to the international society, and securing its national interests.

In emphasizing *Proactive Contribution to Peace*, Prime Minister Abe articulated that Japan would utilize ODA in a strategic and effective manner to realize *Human Security* by enhancing global security environment to protect fundamental human rights, specifically in the field of controlling universal health, and preventing natural disasters in view of global climate changes.

Japan has strictly prohibited using military actions so far in implementing ODA operations. However, while the Prime Minister proclaimed that Japan would endeavor to share *Universal Values* to form the basis of peace, stability and prosperity of the international community, we need to watch closely how it will affect Japan's ODA.