

The letter to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

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Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
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Dear Prime Minister Abe,

We write to offer our respect and to thank you for your work to promote peace and cyber security. You have worked tirelessly to make cybersecurity a priority in Japan and in the international community.

You supported the Ethics Code of Conduct for Cyber Peace and Security conceived by the Boston Global Forum in December 2015. You also supported the BGF-G7 Summit Initiative - Ise-Shima Norms 2016, when Japan hosted the G-7 Summit. Among the Summit Initiatives was the joint Boston Global Forum-G7 effort to prevent cyberwar and fake news.

You also promoted a human-centric view of Artificial Intelligence that led to the OECD AI Principles which were adopted by the G-20 nations at the Ministerial Summit in Osaka. You also put forward the concept of Data Free Flow with Trust at the World Economic Forum in 2019, a new model for data governance that OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría described as “ambitious and timely.”

And through Abenomics, the “three arrows” of monetary easing, fiscal stimulus, and structural reforms, unemployment had fallen and the ratio of public debt to GDP had leveled off. You brought women to the workforce, grew the economy, and kept deflation under control.

You have long been a great friend of the Boston Global Forum. We were honored to give you the 2015 World Leader in Cybersecurity award for your exemplary leadership and your contributions in promoting cybersecurity in Japan and Asia.

The Boston Global Forum looks forward to future collaboration with the government of Japan as we promote the New Social Contract in the Age of AI, as well as the AI World Society City as a practical model.

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Wishing you good health and continued success.

Yours sincerely,



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