

**Speech by Prime Minister Suga at Climate Ambition Summit**  
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Hello everyone.

I am SUGA Yoshihide, Prime Minister of Japan.

To begin, let me express my deep respect for the leadership of Prime Minister Boris Johnson, President Emmanuel Macron, and UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

I am delighted to have the opportunity to talk about Japan's efforts at this Climate Ambition Summit. My administration declared that by 2050 Japan will aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero, that is, to realize a carbon-neutral society.

I also decided to join the Climate Ambition Alliance.

Addressing climate change is no longer a constraint on economic growth, rather it will lead to dynamic economic growth.

Focusing on a virtuous cycle of the economy and the environment as a pillar of our growth strategy, Japan will devote itself to bring about a green society through revolutionary innovations such, as next-generation solar cells, carbon recycling, and the utilization of hydrogen.

Regarding Japan's efforts toward 2030, we will proceed with discussions based on our new target, and we aim to submit them to the United Nations by COP26.

Japan will also continue to engage in international cooperation to support the global transition towards decarbonization.

In 2020, Japan will provide public and private climate finance amounting to approximately 1.3 trillion Japanese yen, which is equivalent to approximately 11.8 billion US dollars.

We are making contribution of up to 3 billion US dollars to the Green Climate Fund.

Looking forward to COP26 next year, Japan is determined to lead the efforts to realize the decarbonized world that the Paris Agreement aims for, in cooperation with other countries.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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