



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Japan

17 September 2009

Excellency, 鳩山總理大臣閣下,

Please accept my warm congratulations on your appointment as the Prime Minister of Japan. I wish you and your Government every success in implementing your vision of creating a “people-oriented society” as well as of expanding the constructive role of Japan in Asia and the world at large.

I am heartened by your commitment to building world peace and your emphasis, in that regard, on the importance of the United Nations. It is my hope that under your leadership, Japan – already a leading member of the Organisation – will enhance its role in our common efforts to address the global challenges of climate change, financial crisis, terrorism, and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as well as to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. I look forward to welcoming you in New York next week and discussing our cooperation on these and other issues of mutual concern, including conflict prevention and peacebuilding, peacekeeping and human rights.

I would also like to take this opportunity to convey through you my deep appreciation to your predecessor, His Excellency Mr. Taro Aso, for his commitment to the work of the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency
Mr. Yukio Hatoyama
Prime Minister of Japan
Tokyo

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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Yukio Hatoyama, Prime Minister of Japan.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Yukio Takasu
Permanent Representative of Japan
to the United Nations
New York

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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature a congratulatory letter addressed to the new PM of Japan.

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Nicholas Haysom
17 September 2009

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Note to Mr. Nambiar

NEW PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN ✓



Following the “landslide” victory in the general election by the opposition Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) on 30 August, **Yukio Hatoyama**, 62, was today appointed the 93rd Prime Minister of Japan at plenary sessions of both the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors. He received 327 votes from the 480 members of the House of Representatives and 124 votes from the 237 votes cast in the House of Councillors. He will lead a coalition government of the DPJ, the Social Democratic Party and the People’s New Party.

Mr. Hatoyama is considered to be politically middle of the road. He has promised to create a “people-oriented society”, increase social welfare spending, and to “restore true democracy” by strengthening the functions of the Prime Ministership and limiting the power of the bureaucracy. The new Prime Minister intends to place a stronger emphasis on the United Nations and its activities in the foreign policy of his Cabinet.

Mr. Hatoyama, accompanied by the new Foreign Minister **Katsuya Okada**, the former DPJ Secretary-General, is coming to New York next week to participate in the Climate Change Summit, as well as to address the General Assembly and Security Council. He will also meet with the Secretary-General and other world leaders.

Please find attached, for the consideration and approval by the Secretary-General, a draft customary letter of congratulations to the new Prime Minister of Japan.


B. Lynn Pascoe
16 September 2009