## **Prime Minister in Action**

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe continues to expand his "Diplomacy That Takes a Panoramic Perspective of the World Map." In January 2018, he visited the three Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania as well as Bulgaria, Serbia, and Romania as the first Japanese prime minister to visit these countries. His vigorous summit diplomacy also included meeting with numerous heads of state visiting Japan.



With H.E. Mrs. Kersti Kaljulaid, President of the Republic of Estonia, in Tallinn, Republic of Estonia. (January 2018)



With H.E. Dr. Dalia Grybauskaite, President of the Republic of Lithuania, in Vilnius, Republic of Lithuania. (January 2018)





With H.E. Mr. Jüri Ratas, Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia, in Tallinn, Republic of Estonia. Prime Minister Abe was accompanied by CEOs of Japanese companies who participated in talks to deepen business ties. Similar talks were held in other countries visited. (January 2018)

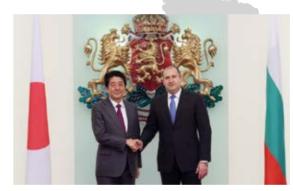


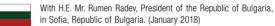
With H.E. Mr. Saulius Skvernelis, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania, in Vilnius, Republic of Lithuania. (January 2018)

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With H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Vučić, President of the Republic of Serbia, in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia. (January 2018)



With H.E. Mr. Māris Kučinskis, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia, in Riga, Republic of Latvia, laying down flowers at the Freedom Monument. The Freedom Monument is dedicated to the fallen soldiers of the Latvian War of Independence, which followed World War I. (January 2018)



With H.E. Mr. Boyko Borissov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, in Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria. (January 2018)



With H.E. Mr. Klaus-Werner Iohannis, President of Romania, in Bucharest, Romania. (January 2018)

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With His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg at the Prime Minister's Official Residence. A banquet was held afterward. (November 2017)



Hosting the Universal Health Coverage Forum 2017 (UHC Forum 2017), where he gave a speech (See Winter 2018 issue). The forum was attended by several world leaders as well as Dr. Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank Group, and leaders in the fields of healthcare and medicine such as World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. (December 2017)



With H.E. Mr. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal, who visited Japan to attend the UHC Forum 2017, at the Japanese Prime Minister's Office. (December 2017)



With H.E. Mr. António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, who visited Japan to attend the UHC Forum 2017, at the Japanese Prime Minister's Office. (December 2017)

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With H.E. Mr. Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, who visited Japan to attend the UHC Forum 2017, at the Japanese Prime Minister's Office. (December 2017)



With H.E. Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, at the Japanese Prime Minister's Office. (February 2018)



With H.E. Mr. Rakotoarimanana Hery Martial Rajaonarimampianina, President of the Republic of Madagascar, at the Japanese Prime Minister's Office. (December 2017)



With the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, inspecting Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Camp Narashino. (January 2018)



With the Honorable Mike Pence, Vice President of the United States of America, at the Japanese Prime Minister's Office. (February 2018)

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