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**Statement by Kengo Sakurada, Chairman of Keizai Doyukai
on Result of Tokyo Gubernatorial Election**

1. Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike won her second four-year term in the election held today. The result of the election is deemed to reflect the voters' support for her leadership in combatting the new coronavirus infections, as well as the running of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government during her first four-year term.
2. Tokyo has shown a conspicuous rising trend in the number of confirmed new coronavirus infections, facing a crucial stage where preventive measures are required against a re-ignition and the second wave of infections. In the meantime, there is a pressing need to revive the hard-hit economy and livelihood. We expect Governor Koike to demonstrate leadership as a politician and administrative skills in the government.
3. In the domain of with/after coronavirus when the infections subside, there are important challenges on top of the success in the Olympics and Paralympics. They include the "Super City Initiative" that uses the Revised Act of National Strategic Special Zone, and functional demarcation with local governments with a view on the earthquake directly beneath the Tokyo metropolitan area. We are looking forward to Tokyo Metropolitan Government's daring initiatives and efforts, which scale up Tokyo's competitiveness as a global city.
4. Keizai Doyukai is planning to create a dialogue forum that invites stakeholders from diverse sectors in the society. We will present an agenda there for discussions over the picture of our country. This is one of the examples that show Keizai Doyukai's effort for deepening discussions over the challenges facing Tokyo.

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