

**Statement by Kengo Sakurada, Chairman of Keizai Doyukai
on Outcome of Japan-China Summit Meeting**

1. Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Chinese President Xi Jinping met face to face for the first time in about three years. The restart of the top-level dialogue is of significant importance. As the regional tensions remain, we hope this meeting will trigger the construction of relationship that allows for smooth communication between the two leaders, thereby deterring the risk of unintended conflicts.
2. Differences in political systems and national interests have created a number of hurdles and challenges, over which the two nations cannot compromise with each other. Japan and China, however, are economically interdependent to a large extent. Facing common issues such as achieving sustainable growth and overcoming global warming, both nations must pursue potential for cooperation on a case-by-case approach, leading to development of mutually beneficial bilateral relationship.

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