KEIZAI DOYUKAI

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Statement by Akio Yamaguchi, Chairperson of Keizai Doyukai
on Passing of Former Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda

I offer my deepest condolences on the passing of former Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda.

Having served as chief cabinet secretary under Prime Ministers Yoshiro Mori and Junichiro Koizumi for three and a half years, the former prime minister provided support to pursuing Japan's key policies and the stable administration of the government, drawing on his outstanding coordinating capacity and profound insight. Subsequently, as the ninety-first prime minister, he made considerable contributions to Japan's national development and the rising of its status in the international community, across both domestic and diplomatic spheres.

Above all, serving as chair of the 2008 Hokkaido Toyako Summit, the former prime minister successfully synthesized the views of the participating leaders and paved the way toward an internationally shared long-term target of at least halving global GHG emissions by 2050. At that time, Keizai Doyukai urged the government to lead the international community by advocating an ambitious reduction target. His legendary achievements in making substantial progress in global warming countermeasures through international cooperation—with future generations in mind—continue to resonate in today's decarbonization initiatives.

I renew my deepest respect and gratitude for his sheer number of achievements in Japanese politics and the advancement of international society. His legacy will never fade from our memory, and I extend my deepest sympathy to his bereaved family.

May the soul of former Prime Minister Fukuda rest in peace.

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