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Dear Sir or Madam,

- * Prime Minister Abe is changing Japan already

- * Besides ABENOMICS, have you ever heard of:
“Proactive Contribution to Peace” & “A Society in Which Women Shine”?

- * Japan handles territorial issues based on the international law

Thank you very much for your continuous interest in my country, Japan. I am very happy to inform you, with this letter, of the new policies and efforts launched by the Abe Government. When you have some question or comment, please contact us and I welcome your comment!

<More stable 3 years for Prime Minister Abe>

The Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, after the Lower House election victory last December, also won the Upper House election last summer. Now his coalition has majority in both Houses and he can expect to continue with such a stable government for three more years, until the next Lower House election in 2016.

< Japanese economy shows growth >



His first ambitious policy of ABENOMICS, the fiscal-economic policy aimed at relaunching the Japanese economy, has already shown very positive results. The growth reached 4.1 % in the first quarter of 2013 and 3.8 % in the second quarter.

<New policy: “Proactive Contribution to Peace” and “A Society in Which Women Shine”>


With such a stable government, Prime Minister Abe has launched other new Japanese policies at this year’s General Assembly of the United Nations. They are entitled “Proactive Contribution to Peace” and “A Society in Which Women Shine”.

(1)Security Policy: Proactive Contribution to Peace

Besides the continuous Japanese efforts for world peace, P.M. Abe expressed his determination to realize an even more peaceful and prosperous Japan, the Asia-Pacific region and the world, based on the principle of “Proactive Contribution to Peace”.

Please see page 2 of his speech (attachement No.5  and the attached document No. 1  to know his policies. We will continue to contribute to the world peace more “proactively”.


(2)A Society in Which Women Shine

The other policy developed this time by P.M. Abe is to assist women around the world to realize “A Society in Which Women Shine”. This idea has received high praise by the international community. For the details, please see the attached document No.2 

<New pamphlets about territorial issues >


Our territorial issues with neighbours are important but complicated. Now the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan has prepared new simple pamphlets and video clips about the Senkaku islands and the Takeshima islands. Japan intends to handle those issue based on rules of the international law.

(1)Senkaku Islands

The Ministry has recently issued two-page informative leaflet “Japan’s Position on the Senkaku” which is attached to this letter (No.3 . Japan will act firmly and calmly to maintain its territorial integrity and will continue to strive for peace and stability in the region based on the international law. For further information, please visit our Ministry’s website, where you can also find a video clip.


<http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/asia-paci/senkaku/index.html>

(2)Takeshima islands

Also published was the attached two-page leaflet (No.4  about the Takeshima islands, an indisputably inherent part of the territory of Japan which has been illegally occupied by the Republic of Korea. Continuing a peaceful (co)existence since the end of World War II, Japan will continue to seek a peaceful settlement of the dispute. For further information, please check our Ministry’s website, including a video clip.

<http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/asia-paci/takeshima/index.html>

<Diplomatic Conference on Minamata Convention>

From 7th to 11th November 2013, the Diplomatic Conference on Minamata Convention was held in Kumamoto and Minamata-city in Japan, where the Minamata Convention was signed by 92 countries, including Slovenia. On this occasion, the Japanese government announced assistance worth 2 billion US dollars to developing countries in order to tackle environmental pollutions. For more details, please look at the attached document No.6 






(Minamata Convention is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury; Idrija city and Minamata city are in good collaboration and have a student exchange program.)

I would be very grateful if you could find those documents useful to understand further my country, Japan.

With Best Regards,

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Ambassador of Japan to Slovenia

Attached:

- No.1 Japan's Security Policy 
- No.2 A Society in Which Women Shine 
- No.3 Japan's Position on the Senkaku islands 
- No.4 Japan's Position on the Takeshima islands 
- No.5 Address by Prime Minister of Japan at the 68th Session of the
General Assembly of the United Nations 
- No.6 Diplomatic Conference on Minamata Convention 