#### To All Cabinet Members

We must build a strong economy, transforming anxieties about our present lives and future into hope. Confronting the challenges facing the world, we will restore Japanese diplomacy that flourishes at the center of the global stage. As those who never cease to believe in the resilience of Japan and its people, we are determined never to give up. To fulfill our responsibility to forge Japan's future, we will mobilize the full strength of the Cabinet for the sake of the nation and its people, advancing the following policies.

### 1. Realizing a strong economy

We will launch and put on track a growth strategy to restore the strength of the Japanese economy, centered on "crisis management investment" — proactive measures taken by the public and private sectors working together to address various risks and social challenges.

While always considering fiscal sustainability, we will strategically implement fiscal stimulus under the concept of "responsible proactive fiscal policy" to ensure safety and security in daily life, raise incomes, improve consumer sentiment, and increase tax revenues.

To this end, we will work to address rising prices, strengthen economic security, ensure food security, establish energy and resource security, enhance national resilience, strengthen cybersecurity measures, build health and medical security, and create an environment where all people can play an active role.

### 2. Strengthen regional communities and safeguard livelihoods

To safeguard local "livelihoods" and "safety," we will work to form regional industrial clusters, promote digital transformation (DX) in local areas, strengthen local industries, and maintain regional public transportation.

We will strengthen the command center function for foreigner-related issues and promote comprehensive countermeasures. Implement measures against organized crime and other threats to maintain and improve public safety.

In the event of a national crisis such as a large-scale natural disaster, terrorist attack, or infectious disease outbreak, the government will act as one to respond with full force, flexibility, and agility, prioritizing the protection of citizens' lives and property.

We will devote our utmost efforts to recovery from large-scale disasters, including the Great East Japan Earthquake and the Noto Peninsula Earthquake.

#### 3. Strengthen diplomatic and defense capabilities

To safeguard Japan's national interests, we will restore Japanese diplomacy that flourishes at the center of the world. We will strengthen and maximize our comprehensive national power — including diplomatic, defense, economic, technological, and information capabilities — to advance Japan's peace, security, prosperity, and coexistence and co-prosperity with the international community.

Centered on the Japan-U.S. Alliance and guided by the vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific, we will expand multifaceted cooperation in diplomacy, defense, economics, and other areas with like-minded nations and Global South countries (emerging and developing nations). We will work to enhance intelligence capabilities. We will strive for the early return of abductees by North Korea.

Based on Japan's independent judgment, we will fundamentally strengthen our defense capabilities.

# Instructions to Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications Hayashi Yoshimasa

- 1. In cooperation with relevant ministers, advance the establishment of a common digital infrastructure for national and local governments, as well as the streamlining of administrative and fiscal operations through municipal digital transformation (DX). Work closely with relevant ministers to vigorously promote the adoption of My Number Cards.
- 2. In cooperation with relevant ministers, leverage the significant potential for growth in regional areas and, based on the basic concept, promote regional revitalization measures and address the drawbacks of Tokyo's excessive concentration, including the uneven distribution of tax revenues. Furthermore, in cooperation with relevant ministers, strengthen support for areas experiencing rapid population decline and comprehensively examine the future of local autonomy in response to population decline, low birth rates, and an aging society.
- 3. In cooperation with relevant ministers, work to secure stable local revenue sources following the abolition of the provisional tax rates for gasoline and light oil.
- 4. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote efforts to ensure appropriate price pass-through in government and local government procurement.
- 5. To realize sustainable regional communities and revitalize local areas, advance the development and protection of digital infrastructure such as 5G, fiber optics, data centers, and submarine cables, while also fostering related industries.
- In cooperation with relevant ministers, accelerate the development of technologies and the training of talent capable of countering sophisticated cyberattacks, cyberpropaganda, disinformation, and other threats.
- 7. Ensure comprehensive support for municipalities affected by successive natural disasters. Furthermore, to respond to abnormal weather phenomena such as torrential rains and rising temperatures, as well as natural disasters like earthquakes, advance the development of disaster-resilient communities in cooperation with the Minister in charge of Building National Resilience and other relevant ministers.
- 8. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote initiatives aimed at comprehensively improving the quality of official statistics.
- 9. Based on the supplementary provisions of the NTT Act, proceed with examining the structure of the system, including the abolition of the NTT Act.

Support the Japan Post Group's efforts to further enhance user convenience and corporate value, and ensure the sustainability of the postal service, so that the public can tangibly feel the benefits of postal privatization.

# **Instructions to Minister of Justice Hiraguchi Hiroshi**

- 1. Promote efforts to realize a justice system that is accessible and dependable for the people.
- 2. Strive to realize a society free from discrimination and abuse, promoting detailed human rights remedies through specific laws.
- 3. In cooperation with relevant ministers, comprehensively advance measures to make society brighter, including preventing recidivism and supporting the reintegration of individuals released from prisons and similar institutions, supporting victims of crime, and combating organized crime, to build "Japan, the safest country in the world."
- 4. Regarding the surveillance and monitoring of Japan's territory, territorial waters, and airspace, closely coordinate with relevant ministers, maintain vigilance, gather intelligence, and respond appropriately based on Japan's laws and regulations as the situation demands.
- 5. In cooperation with relevant ministers, facilitate the smooth acceptance of foreign professionals possessing specific expertise and skills while rigorously enforcing residency management. Strive to realize immigration controls befitting a tourism-oriented nation, address the challenges of prolonged detention and avoidance of deportation, and provide appropriate support to those deserving protection equivalent to refugees.
- 6. In cooperation with the Minister in Charge of Promoting Harmonious and Cohesive Society with Foreign Nationals, steadily advance the necessary environmental improvements for realizing a coexistence society, including strengthening measures against illegal residency and thoroughly enforcing immigration control.
- 7. Conduct necessary studies on revising the retrial system for overturning final criminal judgments.
- 8. In cooperation with relevant ministers, organize issues and conduct necessary studies regarding the use of maiden names as common names, and work toward further expansion.

# Instructions to Minister for Foreign Affairs Motegi Toshimitsu

- 1. To ensure the safety and prosperity of Japan and its people, implement national security policy in a more strategic and systematic manner under the National Security Council, in cooperation with relevant ministers.
- 2. Maintain and strengthen the international order based on the rule of law, advance a free and open Indo-Pacific, and promote cooperation and coordination with allies and like-minded nations, with the Japan-U.S. Alliance as the cornerstone. In cooperation with relevant ministers, take the lead in initiatives to further ensure regional security and stability. Advance the formation and strengthening of rules on global challenges while enhancing engagement with the Global South. Promote sanctions against Russia and robust support for Ukraine and neighboring countries. Advance UN diplomacy and work toward reform of the Security Council and other bodies.
- 3. Regarding China, comprehensively advance the "mutually beneficial strategic relationship" while asserting our positions where necessary, strongly urging responsible actions, and engaging in repeated dialogue to build a "constructive and stable relationship." Resolve North Korea's abductions, nuclear, and missile issues and aim for the normalization of diplomatic relations. Work to resolve the Northern Territories issue.
- 4. Work in cooperation with relevant ministers to expand free and fair economic zones, including the enlargement of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), strengthen the rules-based multilateral trading system, and coordinate with the United States, including the implementation of the Japan-U.S. agreement on tariff measures. Further strengthen soft power diplomacy while expanding and deepening strategic external communications. To foster an orderly society coexisting with foreigners, appropriately implement visa-related procedures and promote the development of international talent and personnel exchanges across a wide range of fields, including those involving foreign residents in Japan.
- 5. Regarding the surveillance and monitoring of Japan's territory, territorial waters, and airspace, closely coordinate with relevant ministers, maintain vigilance in gathering and analyzing information, and respond appropriately based on Japan's laws and regulations as circumstances require. In all regions of the world, respond swiftly and effectively to any emergency or crisis, including the protection of Japanese nationals residing overseas.

# Instructions to Minister of Finance Katayama Satsuki

- 1. Conduct economic and fiscal management based on the concept of "responsible proactive fiscal policy." Achieve robust growth for the Japanese economy through an economic growth strategy designed to resolve Japan's challenges and foster the development of cutting-edge industries.
- 2. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote reforms on both the expenditure and revenue sides based on the New Economic and Fiscal Revitalization Plan, achieving both economic recovery and fiscal soundness. To enable systematic engagement with national challenges, work with relevant ministers to address the drawbacks of single-year budgeting.
- 3. In cooperation with relevant ministers, advance the rationalization of special tax measures and subsidies.
- 4. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote evidence-based policy making (EBPM) utilizing digital technology to achieve effective budget allocation and execution.
- 5. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote efforts to ensure appropriate price pass-through in government and local government procurement.
- 6. In cooperation with relevant ministers, examine a framework to enhance the screening of direct investment into Japan.
- 7. To realize an asset management-based and investment-based nation, promote all forms of investment, including human capital investment and impact investing. To this end, further advance the shift from savings to investment while strengthening corporate governance and advancing asset management sophistication.
- 8. From the perspective of regional revitalization and community development, support efforts to maximize the potential of local areas. This includes initiatives that enhance the value of regional businesses and address customer challenges, thereby bolstering the financial intermediation functions of regional financial institutions and ensuring their soundness.
- 9. Strive to ensure fair, equitable, and transparent financial markets and maintain trust in financial products.
- 10. To overcome population decline and low birth rates and enhance measures to address low birth rates, and based on national discussions regarding the structure of benefits and burdens, collaborate with relevant ministers to initiate the integrated reform of taxes and social security, specifically designing a system of tax credits with benefits as a measure for middle- and low-income earners struggling under social insurance premium burdens.

# Instructions to Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Matsumoto Yohei

- 1. In cooperation with relevant ministers, realize a society where everyone can receive the best possible education.
- 2. Implement fundamental reforms to shift to a multi-track education system that nurtures children's individuality and enables them to embrace diverse values, while creating environments where learning can occur in diverse settings. Advance the GIGA School Initiative to realize high-quality education free from constraints of time, place, or teaching materials.
- 3. Create educational environments that can directly address issues such as bullying, suicide, and school refusal. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote crime prevention activities during commuting hours and traffic safety measures along school routes.
- 4. Promote the development of cultural and artistic activities and enhance regional cultural resources to foster the advancement of culture and the arts. In cooperation with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, strengthen soft power diplomacy and international outreach.
- 5. To cultivate talent capable of thriving in response to industry needs and challenging future growth fields, pursue university reforms while enhancing vocational education at technical colleges and specialized high schools. To ensure Japan's continued development as a science and technology-oriented nation, strengthen the science and technology infrastructure and expand investment in cutting-edge science, technology, and innovation through industry-academia-government collaboration, working in cooperation with the Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy and other relevant ministers.
- 6. Continue to work with relevant ministers to ensure prompt compensation for damages caused by the Tokyo Electric Power Company Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant accident, including through settlement mediation by the Nuclear Damage Compensation Dispute Settlement Commission.
- 7. With the Sports Agency at its core, promote various policies to realize a "sports-oriented nation."

Assign administrative duties related to the Council for the Creation of Future Education.

# Instructions to Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare Ueno Kenichiro

- In cooperation with the Minister in charge of Infectious Disease Crisis Management and other
  relevant ministers, ensure thorough preparedness for the next infectious disease crisis based on
  the Government Action Plan for Countermeasures against Novel Influenza and Other Infectious
  Diseases.
- 2. Build a "multi-generational social security system" where all generations contribute according to their ability and support one another, ensuring necessary social security services are appropriately provided to those who need them. Working with relevant ministers, strengthen the focus and efficiency of healthcare administration based on data, while also rationalizing healthcare costs by establishing a medical system centered on self-management for health maintenance. Through "proactive preventive healthcare," work to expand the pool of contributors to social security. In cooperation with relevant ministers, design flexible systems that support diverse life choices, aiming to correct disparities and build a safety net. In cooperation with relevant ministers, work to establish systems that "do not discourage the desire to work."
- 3. To overcome population decline and low birth rates and enhance measures to address low birth rates, and based on national discussions regarding the structure of benefits and burdens, collaborate with relevant ministers to initiate integrated tax and social security reforms. Specifically, begin designing a system of tax credits with cash handouts as a measure for middle-and low-income earners struggling under the burden of social insurance premiums.
- 4. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote the shift to higher-value-added work, reskilling, and the use of digital technologies. Advance the transformation toward a "Japan that earns," where people can earn higher wages in fewer working hours. Also implement reforms to support the employment of motivated older workers and eliminate unwanted non-regular employment. In cooperation with relevant ministers, also promote side jobs and secondary employment while accelerating minimum wage increases. Furthermore, in cooperation with relevant ministers, examine relaxing working hour regulations based on the premise of maintaining physical and mental health and employee choice.
- 5. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote work-style reforms and establish rules that accommodate diverse working styles, thereby creating an environment where people can work with peace of mind. In cooperation with relevant ministers, advance initiatives to maximize the number of people supporting the workforce, such as promoting employment for the elderly, women, persons with disabilities, and foreign nationals.
- 6. In cooperation with relevant ministers, steadily implement support for employment and social participation for the lost generation, as well as support with an eye toward their later years.
- 7. Based on the "Black Rain" lawsuit ruling, continue to work toward the prompt relief of people who faced similar circumstances to the plaintiffs.
- 8. In cooperation with relevant ministers, carefully address each concern surrounding the abolition of insurance cards while working to promote the use of My Number insurance cards and ensure a smooth transition to a system based on these cards.

9.	In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote comprehensive measures based on the Basic Act on Dementia, and advance necessary revisions to related systems and measures, such as identity guarantees for elderly individuals without family support.

# Instructions to Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Suzuki Norikazu

- 1. Based on the Basic Act on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas, promote the establishment of food security, the establishment of food systems in harmony with the environment, the sustainable development of agriculture, and the revitalization of rural areas. Also work to build a strong forestry sector and revitalize fisheries and aquaculture. Utilizing advanced technologies such as space technology, drones, and sensors, promote the development of fully enclosed plant factories and land-based aquaculture facilities, realizing sustainable, resilient, and profitable smart agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. Concurrently, implement measures to achieve the targets set forth in the Basic Plan for Food, Agriculture, and Rural Areas regarding "self-sufficiency rate" and "self-sufficiency capacity." Furthermore, advance necessary initiatives to ensure a stable supply of rice.
- 2. Implement concentrated investment during the intensive agricultural restructuring period to create an environment where all farmland can be utilized.
- 3. Diversify export destinations for its world-renowned agricultural, forestry, and fishery products, actively expand into global markets, and achieve its 2030 export target of ¥5 trillion for these products.
- 4. Maintain the multifaceted functions that agriculture and rural communities fulfill, such as land conservation, water source conservation, and community functions, while strengthening support for areas experiencing rapid population decline in cooperation with relevant ministers.
- 5. Regarding the ongoing suspension of seafood imports, work closely with relevant ministers to ensure comprehensive support for the livelihoods and businesses of the national fisheries industry.

# Instructions to Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Akazawa Ryosei

- In cooperation with relevant ministers, will make every effort to advance measures for the
  decommissioning of the Tokyo Electric Power Company Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power
  Station, the handling of contaminated water and treated water, the lifting of evacuation orders in
  areas where return is difficult, and the provision of livelihood support and reconstruction
  assistance for victims of the nuclear disaster.
- 2. Under the concept of "responsible proactive fiscal policy," achieve robust growth in the Japanese economy through an economic growth strategy designed to resolve our nation's challenges and foster the development of cutting-edge industries.
- 3. To establish domestic supply chains centered on export industries such as semiconductors and artificial intelligence (AI), and to achieve higher value-added production and wage increases including for small and medium-sized enterprises, will stimulate private investment through tax measures while also bolstering its own investment.
- 4. Establish regional industrial clusters nationwide, integrated with the necessary infrastructure development, to create world-leading technologies and businesses while strongly supporting the enhancement of local industries' added value and the expansion of sales channels. In cooperation with the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, work to expand exports of agricultural, forestry, and fishery products.
- 5. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote the development of dual-use technologies and strengthen the defense industry.
- 6. In cooperation with relevant ministers, examine a framework to enhance the screening of direct investment into Japan.
- 7. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote the shift to higher-value-added work, reskilling, and the use of digital technologies to advance the transformation toward a "Japan that earns," where people can earn higher wages in fewer working hours. Also implement reforms to support the employment of motivated older workers and eliminate unwanted non-regular employment. Additionally, working with relevant ministers, promote side jobs and accelerate the increase in the minimum wage.
- 8. Work with relevant ministers to expand a free and fair economic sphere and further strengthen the rules-based multilateral trading system. Coordinate with the United States, including implementing the Japan-U.S. agreement on tariff measures, in cooperation with the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 9. Provide comprehensive support for small and medium-sized enterprises in business restructuring, productivity improvement, and business reorganization, while vigorously promoting fair transactions within supply chains. Also swiftly deliver necessary support, including cash flow assistance. Working with relevant ministers, advance efforts to ensure appropriate price pass-through in government and local government procurement.
- 10. Ensure the stable supply of energy, which forms the foundation of people's livelihoods and economic activities. From the perspective of S+3E (Safety, Security of Supply, Economic Efficiency, Environmental Compatibility), establish a diverse and multifaceted supply structure for resources and energy. Realize an optimal energy mix by utilizing nuclear power with safety as

- the paramount consideration, exploring and commercializing domestic resources, and harnessing Japan's potential in renewable energy, thereby shielding the Japanese economy from energy constraints.
- 11. While promoting energy security and decarbonization in an integrated manner, aim to build a resilient economic structure by strengthening industrial competitiveness and developing new growth frontiers through the creation of new demand and markets. To achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 and greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for fiscal 2030, and based on the Green Transformation (GX) 2040 Vision and other initiatives, promote over ¥ 150 trillion in GX-related investment over 10 years through public-private cooperation.
- 12. In cooperation with relevant ministers, advance discussions on verifying the outcomes of the Osaka-Kansai Expo and concretizing the inheritance of its legacy.

# Instructions to Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Kaneko Yasushi

- In cooperation with the Minister in Charge of Building National Resilience and other relevant
  ministers, advance initiatives for disaster prevention and mitigation, and national resilience.
  These include building disaster-resilient communities, implementing efficient measures for aging
  infrastructure, accelerating seismic retrofitting, addressing torrential downpours and flood
  control, and developing transportation networks and logistics infrastructure, including in
  regional areas. In cooperation with relevant ministers, work to develop underground shelters,
  including the multifaceted utilization of existing infrastructure.
- 2. To drive innovation in logistics, advance fundamental and comprehensive measures in cooperation with relevant ministers.
- 3. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote regional revitalization through the promotion of tourism while advancing measures against overtourism to achieve sustainable tourism.
- 4. Actively work to ensure the stability and safety of air transportation and promote the development of the aviation industry.
- 5. Regarding infrastructure system exports, respond flexibly, including support for private companies.
- 6. Regarding the surveillance and monitoring of Japan's territory, territorial waters, and airspace, closely coordinate with relevant ministers, maintain vigilance, gather intelligence, and respond appropriately based on Japan's laws and regulations as the situation demands. Strengthen the Japan Coast Guard's capabilities and enhance coordination with the Japan Self-Defense Forces.
- 7. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote water cycle policies in a focused and comprehensive manner.
- 8. In preparation for the International Horticultural Exposition to be held in Kanagawa Prefecture in 2027, work in cooperation with relevant ministers under the Special Measures Act to ensure smooth preparation and operation.

Promote the development of Integrated Resort (IR) zones to realize attractive, stay-type tourism with high international competitiveness.

# Instructions to Minister of Environment Ishihara Hirotaka

- 1. Steadily implement recovery and reconstruction efforts following the Great East Japan Earthquake, including the disposal of radioactive waste and decontamination in designated returnable residential areas.
- To achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 and greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for FY 2030, and to lead global decarbonization, promote measures against global warming in cooperation with the Minister in Charge of GX Implementation and other relevant ministers.
- 3. In cooperation with Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and other relevant ministers, promote the further utilization of national parks and other resources as tourism assets.
- 4. In cooperation with relevant ministers, aim to achieve zero additional plastic pollution by 2040.
- 5. Strongly support the strengthening of nuclear safety regulations and systems within the Nuclear Regulation Authority.
- 6. Work with relevant ministers and the Nuclear Regulation Authority to fundamentally strengthen the nuclear disaster prevention system.

Of the Cabinet Office administrative duties, hold responsibility over administrative tasks related to the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters and follow-up matters concerning the investigation of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident.

Assign responsibilities for administrative tasks related to the Nuclear Disaster Prevention Council. Assign responsibilities for coordinating administrative tasks under the jurisdiction of various ministries to facilitate smooth responses to international conferences on climate change issues, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP).

# Instructions to Minister of Defense Koizumi Shinjiro

- 1. To ensure the safety and prosperity of Japan and its people, implement national security policy in a more strategic and systematic manner under the National Security Council, in cooperation with relevant ministers. To resolutely protect the lives and livelihoods of the people, undertake a fundamental strengthening of defense capabilities based on the National Security Strategy and other relevant documents. Furthermore, in cooperation with relevant ministers, strengthen the defense production and technology base, with a view to actively utilizing civilian technologies for defense purposes and returning defense technologies to society. Concurrently, in cooperation with relevant ministers, work to improve the treatment and working environment of Japan Self-Defense Forces personnel and establish new career paths, while also strengthening the human resources foundation of the Japan Self-Defense Forces with an eye toward future warfare.
- Further strengthen Japan-U.S. deterrence and response capabilities. In doing so, establish a
  cooperative framework to more effectively utilize Japan's counterstrike capabilities, while also
  working to enhance our respective command and control frameworks and strengthen
  coordination.
- 3. Based on the Japan-U.S. Alliance, promote bilateral and multilateral defense cooperation and exchanges, including joint training and equipment/technology cooperation, among Japan, the U.S., and South Korea; Japan, the U.S., and the Philippines; Japan, the U.S., and Australia; and Japan, the U.S., Australia, and India. In cooperation with relevant ministers, lead efforts to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific and further ensure regional security and stability.
- 4. In cooperation with the Minister in charge of Mitigating the Impact of U.S. Forces in Okinawa, advance the realignment of U.S. Forces in Japan, including the relocation of Futenma Air Station, while maintaining deterrence and achieving a reduction in the burden on local communities, including Okinawa.
- 5. Regarding the surveillance and monitoring of Japan's territory, territorial waters, and airspace, closely coordinate with relevant ministers, maintain a high level of vigilance, gather intelligence, and respond appropriately based on Japan's laws and regulations as the situation demands.
- 6. Spare no effort to ensure trust in the Ministry of Defense and the Japan Self-Defense Forces, while making every effort to ensure the steady execution of JSDF missions, including those based on the Peace and Security Legislation. We will respond to successive natural disasters and work to save lives and support those affected.

Assign responsibilities related to the Peace and Security Legislation.

# **Instructions to Chief Cabinet Secretary Kihara Minoru**

- 1. As a core member of the Cabinet, serve as the government's spokesperson, handles crisis management, and coordinate overall affairs within the government and with the Diet.
- 2. Work with relevant ministers to ensure the effectiveness of the system to protect lives and assets.
- 3. In cooperation with relevant ministers, conduct studies aimed at strengthening the government-wide intelligence command center function.
- 4. Take seriously the reality that over 70 percent of U.S. military facilities and areas in Japan are concentrated in Okinawa. While empathizing with the feelings of the people of Okinawa, work with relevant ministers to tangibly reduce this burden. To this end, under the fundamental stance of "doing everything possible," spare no effort to fully implement measures on the mainland.
- 5. With the resolve to "bring back all abductees without fail," the government will work comprehensively as one, in close coordination with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, toward the complete resolution of the abduction issue.

# Instructions to Minister for Digital Transformation Matsumoto Hisashi

- 1. As the central hub for the digital transformation of society, collaborate with relevant ministers to break down administrative silos and vigorously advance public and private initiatives and efforts toward building a digital society, including in the medical and welfare fields. Build a society where the benefits of digitalization reach all citizens. Working with relevant ministers, promote reforms to digital infrastructure and government systems, and undertake digital administrative and fiscal reforms that enable local governments to efficiently deliver detailed administrative services to each and every citizen.
- 2. To achieve fair economic growth and innovation through data, collaborate with relevant ministers to lead the world in establishing DFFT (Data Free Flow with Trust).
- 3. In cooperation with relevant ministers, work to counter CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive) terrorism.
- 4. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote administrative program reviews and evidence-based policy making (EBPM) to enhance policy effectiveness and eliminate wasteful spending.
- 5. Rigorously implement personnel evaluations for national public servants, promote early selection and mid-career hiring, significantly improve their working conditions and compensation, and review staffing limits.
- 6. In cooperation with relevant ministers, serve as the central command in the field of cyber security, promoting various initiatives including active cyber defense, while steadily implementing administrative tasks related to the Cyber Response Capabilities Enhancement Act. In cooperation with relevant ministers, accelerate technological development and human resource training to counter sophisticated cyber-attacks, cyber propaganda, disinformation, and other threats.

Assign responsibilities related to the Personal Information Protection Commission.

Assign responsibility for matters concerning the review of the Cabinet Secretariat and the Cabinet Office. Assign responsibility for matters concerning the national civil service system and administrative organization within the affairs of the Cabinet Bureau of Personnel Affairs.

Assign administrative duties related to the Cybersecurity Strategy Headquarters.

#### Instructions to Minister for Reconstruction Makino Takao

- 1. With the firm conviction that "there can be no recovery for Tohoku without the recovery of Fukushima, and no rebirth for Japan without the recovery of Tohoku," the national government will take the lead in working toward the full-scale recovery and regeneration of Fukushima and the recovery of Tohoku. This will be achieved by staying close to the disaster-affected areas, eliminating the silo mentality among ministries and agencies, and implementing meticulous, field-based responses.
- 2. Except for the decommissioning management of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station conducted by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Reconstruction Agency will serve as the central coordinating body for measures aimed at the recovery and revitalization of Fukushima. This will enable swift decision-making and implementation at the disaster-affected sites. Furthermore, the Reconstruction Agency will provide a unified response to the needs of the affected regions.
- 3. To accelerate the full-scale recovery and revitalization of Fukushima, based on the basic policy for reconstruction and taking into account the specific circumstances and unique characteristics of each region, advance initiatives to promote return and relocation, rebuild livelihoods, advance the Fukushima Innovation Coast Initiative, rebuild businesses and agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, and dispel unfounded rumors. Furthermore, in cooperation with relevant ministers, advance the establishment of the Fukushima Institute for Research, Education and Innovation as a "core hub for creative reconstruction," working to strengthen Japan's industrial competitiveness and address challenges common to Japan and the world.
- 4. In cooperation with relevant ministers, proceed with preparations for the establishment of the Disaster Management Agency.
- 5. To protect the lives and property of citizens now and in the future, work with the Minister of State for Disaster Management to comprehensively review risks across the nation, utilizing expertise in disaster prevention science and climate risk management. Based on the Framework for National Resilience and the Basic Plan for National Resilience, collaborate with relevant ministers to continuously and stably advance national resilience initiatives.

# Instructions to Chairperson of the National Public Safety Commission Akama Jiro

- 1. To build "the world's safest Japan," collaborate with relevant ministers to strengthen countermeasures against organized crime, including anonymous and fluid criminal groups; ensure the world's highest standards for a secure cyberspace; enhance counterterrorism and counterintelligence; bolster capabilities to address malicious crimes such as specialized fraud; foster crime-resistant communities; combat sexual crimes and violence; and enhance countermeasures against stalking and domestic violence cases. Further advance the efficiency and sophistication of police activities in response to changing social conditions. In cooperation with relevant ministers, tackle CBRNE terrorism countermeasures.
- Strengthen enforcement and deterrence against malicious and dangerous driving behaviors.
   Furthermore, advance efforts to reduce traffic accidents in cooperation with relevant ministers.
- 3. Work with relevant ministers to strengthen measures for crime victims and others.
- 4. Steadily work to rebuild the lives of victims affected by successive natural disasters. Particularly for the Noto Peninsula, which suffered a combined disaster of earthquake and torrential rain, ensure thorough efforts to rebuild the lives of those affected. To ensure thorough preparedness for future major natural disasters, advance comprehensive preemptive disaster prevention measures, enhance crisis response capabilities, and build public-private partnership systems during peacetime. Concurrently, advance preparations for establishing a Disaster Management Agency in cooperation with the Minister in charge of the Preparation of Establishing the Disaster Management Agency. To protect the lives and property of citizens now and in the future, conduct a comprehensive review of risks across all regions, utilizing expertise in disaster prevention science and climate risk management, in cooperation with the Minister in Charge of Building National Resilience.
- 5. Based on the Basic Act on the Ocean, comprehensively advance ocean policy in cooperation with relevant ministers to secure the nation's maritime interests. Also proceed with the examination of measures for the appropriate promotion and management of remote islands.
- 6. Regarding the surveillance and monitoring of Japan's territory, territorial waters, and airspace, closely coordinate with relevant ministers, maintain a high level of vigilance, gather intelligence, and respond appropriately based on Japan's laws and regulations as the situation demands.

Assign responsibilities related to the Japan Casino Regulatory Commission.

To promote the establishment of medical care delivery systems utilizing vessels during disasters and other emergencies, responsible for coordinating administrative affairs under the jurisdiction of various government departments. Responsible for administrative affairs related to promoting measures against gambling and other addictions.

# Instructions to Minister of State for Regional Revitalization Kikawada Hitoshi

- 1. Serve as the central coordinating body for realizing a child-centered society. In collaboration with relevant ministers, promote the expression of opinions and social participation by children and youth while working toward their healthy development.
- 2. Based on three fundamental principles "increasing the income of younger generations," "changing societal structures and mindsets," and "providing seamless support tailored to the life stages of all child-rearing households" —work with relevant ministers to implement policies with a sense of urgency. While aiming to double the national budget by the early 2030s, collaborate with relevant ministers to further expand and strengthen measures for stabilizing and improving the quality of life for child-rearing generations.
- 3. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote measures to combat child poverty and prevent child abuse. Promote crime prevention activities during commuting hours and traffic safety measures along school routes.
- 4. To advance the creation of a nation where women thrive and all women shine, and to ensure no woman in need of support is left behind, work with the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare and other relevant ministers to achieve the goals set forth in the Basic Plan for Gender Equality and realize women's economic independence. Establish the participation of women in decision-making across all societal organizations as a shared goal for both the public and private sectors, and work to create the necessary environment. In cooperation with relevant ministers, identify and address challenges related to the common use of maiden names and undertake necessary studies to further expand its use.
- 5. Work toward realizing a society where everyone can live safely and securely regardless of age or disability, supporting one another. Address social anxieties and promote comprehensive measures to tackle the deepening issues of social loneliness and isolation.
- 6. In cooperation with relevant ministers, steadily implement support for employment and social participation for the lost generation, as well as support with an eye toward their later years.
- 7. In cooperation with relevant ministers, work to examine and advance measures aimed at realizing a society where individuality and diversity are respected, ensuring everyone has a place to belong and a sense of purpose.
- 8. In cooperation with relevant ministers, leverage the significant potential for growth in regional areas. Based on the basic concept, promote regional revitalization measures and address the drawbacks of Tokyo's excessive concentration, including the uneven distribution of tax revenues. Foster regional industrial clusters nationwide to create world-leading technologies and businesses, while strongly supporting the enhancement of added value and the development of sales channels for local industries. Furthermore, in cooperation with relevant ministers, strengthen support for regions experiencing rapid population decline and comprehensively examine the future of local autonomy in response to population decline, low birth rates, and an aging society.
- 9. Promote decentralization, including consideration of a regional state system, by facilitating the transfer of authority and financial resources from the national government to local governments.

- 10. Promote nationwide expansion of the National Strategic Special Zones system, which will strengthen the international competitiveness of industries and foster the formation of international economic hubs by prioritizing structural reforms in the economy and society.
- 11. To realize a strong Okinawan economy, comprehensively and proactively advance Okinawa development measures as a national strategy, including the utilization of former base sites.
- 12. Recognizing that the Northern Territories issue is a matter for the entire nation, work to enhance nationwide understanding in order to resolve the issue.
- 13. To realize a society where the pride of the Ainu people is respected, promote comprehensive and effective measures in cooperation with relevant ministers.
- 14. Strengthen administrative functions that truly prioritize the consumer perspective, cultivate proactive and self-reliant consumers, and work to build a fair and sustainable social environment.
- 15. Ensure food safety and security while strengthening communication regarding food and radiation to prevent reputational damage.

Handle affairs related to utilizing funds from dormant deposits, promoting civic activities, youth international exchange, measures for an aging society, policies for persons with disabilities, traffic safety measures, enhancing understanding of sexual orientation and gender identity, public interest incorporated associations and foundations, and outcome-based projects.

Responsible for matters concerning PFI (Private Finance Initiative for social infrastructure development), including the Japan Fair Trade Commission, the management of public documents, the designation and declassification of specific secrets by the heads of administrative agencies, and verification and inspection to ensure the proper management of administrative documents recording information that is a specially designated secret.

Assign responsibilities for policies related to a society of coexistence.

Responsible for administrative duties concerning the Headquarters for Overcoming Population Decline and Vitalizing Local Economy in Japan and the Headquarters for Digital Market Competition.

# Instructions to Minister of State for Economic and Fiscal Policy Kiuchi Minoru

- 1. Conduct economic and fiscal management based on the concept of "responsible proactive fiscal policy." Achieve robust growth for the Japanese economy through an economic growth strategy designed to resolve Japan's challenges and foster the development of cutting-edge industries.
- Coordinate the Council for Economic and Fiscal Policy, which advises the government on the formulation of basic policies for economic and fiscal management, including the establishment of basic principles for annual budget formulation, and conducts planning, drafting, and overall coordination.
- 3. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote reforms on both the expenditure and revenue sides based on the New Economic and Fiscal Revitalization Plan, achieving both economic recovery and fiscal soundness. To enable systematic engagement with national challenges, work with relevant ministers to address the drawbacks of single-year budgeting.
- 4. In cooperation with relevant ministers, formulate and implement the "Japan Growth Strategy" to achieve robust growth for the Japanese economy.
- 5. Advance comprehensive regulatory and institutional reforms to overcome challenges such as population decline and an aging society with fewer children, and to revitalize regional areas.
- 6. In cooperation with relevant ministers, promote the shift to higher-value-added work, reskilling, and the use of digital technologies. Advance the transformation toward a "Japan that earns," where people can earn higher wages in fewer working hours. Also implement reforms to support the employment of motivated older workers and eliminate unwanted non-regular employment. Additionally, in cooperation with relevant ministers, promote side jobs and part-time work while accelerating minimum wage increases. Furthermore, in cooperation with relevant ministers consider relaxing working hour regulations based on the premise of maintaining physical and mental health and employee choice. In cooperation with relevant ministers, work to reduce burdens, such as promoting the use of babysitters and household support services, to decrease resignations caused by childcare or children's non-attendance at school.
- 7. As the central hub for startup policy, collaborate with relevant ministers to build a world-class startup ecosystem that achieves both sustainable economic growth and solutions to social challenges.
- 8. Build a "multi-generational social security system" where all generations contribute according to their ability and support one another, ensuring necessary social security services are appropriately provided to those who need them. Working with relevant ministers, strengthen the focus and efficiency of healthcare administration based on data, while also rationalizing healthcare costs by establishing a medical system centered on self-management for health maintenance. Through "proactive preventive healthcare," work to expand the pool of contributors to social security. In cooperation with relevant ministers, design flexible systems that support diverse life choices, aiming to correct disparities and build a safety net. In cooperation with relevant ministers, work to establish systems that "do not discourage the desire to work."
- 9. To overcome population decline and low birth rates and enhance measures to address low birth rates, and based on national discussions regarding the structure of benefits and burdens,

- collaborate with relevant ministers to initiate integrated tax and social security reforms. Specifically, begin designing a system of tax credits with benefits as a measure for middle- and low-income earners struggling under the burden of social insurance premiums.
- 10. Responsible for administrative tasks related to the Act on Special Measures for New Influenza and Other Infectious Diseases. Serving as the command center for swift and precise measures from the initial stages of an infectious disease outbreak and spread, coordinate with relevant ministers to implement consistent responses during both peacetime and emergencies based on the Government Action Plan for New Influenza and Other Infectious Diseases.

Assign responsibilities related to the Tax Commission.

In cooperation with relevant ministers, hold responsibility for overall coordination regarding the progress management of agreements between Japan and the United States and necessary support measures based on the impact of tariff measures on domestic industries.

Responsible for overall coordination regarding the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and for overall coordination of domestic measures concerning the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the Japan-U.S. Trade Agreement. Implement comprehensive measures in collaboration with relevant ministers to leverage various economic partnership agreements for further growth of Japan's economy and revitalization of regional economies.

Responsible for planning corporate overseas business investment support measures and coordinating administrative affairs under the jurisdiction of various government departments.

# Instructions to Minister in charge of Economic Security Onoda Kimi

- 1. Based on deliberations by the National Security Council, handle administrative tasks necessary for promoting economic security and strengthen the framework for advancing economic security, including relevant ministries and agencies.
- 2. From the perspective of promoting economic security, comprehensively and effectively advance measures such as securing strategic materials, preventing technology leakage, and strengthening information protection, while striving to balance these with the freedom of economic activity. In cooperation with relevant ministers, steadily implement the Economic Security Promotion Act and the Act on the Protection and Utilization of Important Economic Security Information, while conducting necessary studies on safeguarding security-critical data and establishing comprehensive think tanks. In cooperation with relevant ministers, advance discussions on revising the Economic Security Promotion Act to achieve measures such as strengthening supply chains and ensuring stable provision of core infrastructure services, including improving medical infrastructure security. Also examine approaches to protecting sensitive information and data from foreign forces. In cooperation with relevant ministers, steadily implement investigations and other measures based on the Act on Investigation of Important Land, etc. Furthermore, advance further considerations after assessing the enforcement status of the Act and the domestic and international security situation.
- 3. In cooperation with relevant ministers, examine a framework to enhance the screening of direct investment into Japan and promote initiatives to improve economic intelligence functions through public-private partnerships.
- 4. In cooperation with relevant ministers, advance necessary measures to promote the development of domestic resources in preparation for geopolitical risks.
- 5. To ensure Japan's continued development as a science and technology-oriented nation, work with relevant ministers to strengthen our science and technology infrastructure and expand investment in cutting-edge science, technology, and innovation through industry-academia-government collaboration. Take the lead in establishing international innovation hubs and strengthen cooperation with overseas partners.
- 6. Based on the AI Act, comprehensively and systematically implement AI policies with the goal of becoming "the world's most AI-friendly country for research, development, and implementation."
- 7. Under the principles of the Basic Space Act, implement strategic space policies to secure Japan's international presence and advance its national interests.
- 8. Implement comprehensive policies in cooperation with relevant ministers to promote the international expansion of Japan's renowned culture, including content, food, clothing, housing, and more.
- 9. In cooperation with relevant ministers, comprehensively promote measures for a harmonious and cohesive society with foreign nationals, including information sharing between national and local governments, proper utilization of systems, and appropriate use and management of national land. To this end, strengthen the necessary promotion framework.

Of the Cabinet Office administrative duties, responsible for nuclear energy policy (including the Atomic Energy Commission and the promotion of regions hosting nuclear power generation facilities), the disposal of abandoned chemical weapons, and the duties of the Minister in charge of Space Development as stipulated in Article 29 of the Basic Space Act. Also responsible for affairs concerning the Science Council of Japan and health and medical strategy.

Responsible for duties related to the Dementia Policy Promotion Headquarters.

Of the Cabinet Intelligence Research Office administrative duties, responsible for matters concerning the system for protecting designated secrets.

Assign administrative duties related to the Global Startup Campus Initiative.