

16 Feb is a day for the Kyoto Protocol

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What it means?

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The Kyoto Protocol (KP)

World first promise to reduce CO₂.

It was born in 1997.

The obligation for rich nations is - 5% from 2008-2012.

Japan agreed to reduce 6%.

US decided not to join, though.

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Year of 2012

It is the last year of “1st commitment period”.

From 2013, developed countries will commit higher target.

Rich nation with large energy consumption will take a lead and make more effort.

Sounds fair.

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BUT

Japan said NO to the obligation under the KP any more.
It says “because US and China do not participate”.
Of course, US and China need to act.

But.

“I don’t do this, because you don’t” is good approach?

In the end, the country will abandon the Kyoto Protocol which has a name of its own city.

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2°C

The world now aims to keep global temperature far below 2°C. But we may reach 4 °C.

Current warming speed is catastrophic.

New regime including US and China is decided to start 2020.

It is VERY late.

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Promise

The thing is what to do until 2020.

Only announce “will do it voluntarily”

Or

Commit “will promise our actions”

“Promise” is the key.

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Friends

US, Canada and Russia are friends of Japan.

They say NO for reduction obligation.

People doubts about seriousness of those countries,
and angry.

Other developed nations say “YES” to the KP.

More persuasive and positive.

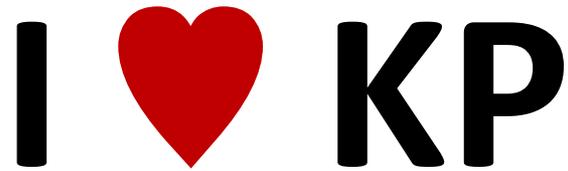
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Making bridge

Making bridge between promise by developed countries to promise by all.

This is an important role of the KP.

If we don't keep the KP alive,
we cannot make next promise.



Continuation

After 1997, various people and companies have made effort to meet 6% reduction target in Japan.

That brings us new ideas, system, institutions, and technologies.

Isn't it important to keep encouraging such efforts and initiatives which has started?

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Important

So, KP is important to protect climate in two ways.

One. Underpinning mandatory targets by developed countries, and protecting the climate.

Second. Making bridge to the next promise by all.

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Let's promise

If Japan is serious about the climate problem
Let's promise under the KP,
and say “we will reduce more”.

This is a fair part of actions to save people in the
poor to avoid dangerous climate.

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Let's join KP2

25% reduction by 2020 is Japan's pledge.

As a responsible country,

let's join the second commitment of the KP,
and promise the 25% target.

Thus, Japan will regain trust from the world.



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Important tool to protect the climate

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