



Office of the Prime Minister,
Government House,
BANGKOK.

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Excellency,

I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the assassination of Mr. Abe Shinzo, former Prime Minister of Japan, on 8 July 2022. On behalf of the Royal Thai Government and people of the Kingdom of Thailand, I wish to extend my deepest condolences to Your Excellency, and through you, to the bereaved family of Mr. Abe and the people of Japan, for this irreparable national loss.

In being the longest serving Prime Minister in Japan's history, Mr. Abe leaves an indelible mark in the economic development and foreign policy of Japan and the world at large, with his Abenomics policy and initiatives towards a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, among others. Mr. Abe was genuinely admired for his life-long dedication to public service and his laudable contributions to global peace, development, and prosperity. He shall be always remembered for a most commendable legacy as an extraordinary national leader who successfully guided Japan through a time of great challenge and change in the international community.

We in Thailand are truly grateful to Mr. Abe for his warm friendship and sincere commitment to elevating cooperation and the dynamic partnership between our two countries. I have had the distinguished honour to meet and work with the late Prime Minister Abe on 11 different occasions, and I am deeply sorrowed over this sudden and disheartening loss of a most respected colleague and friend.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

General  (Ret.)
(Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

His Excellency
Mr. KISHIDA Fumio,
Prime Minister of Japan,
TOKYO.