

Capitalizing on competitive yet rewarding global economic partnership: Does the world gain more economically, socially and culturally by sharing knowledge, technologies, infrastructure and policies?

Q.1: Do you think simply creating economic partnerships with other countries – paid or non-paid – where Japan shares its superior knowledge and technologies will make a more equalized and better world?

A.1:

I thank you very much for inviting me to this vigorous panel discussion. At the outset, as the core point of my answer to your question about “creating partnership” I’d like to share with you the today’s Japanese special celebration. Very today on May 1, a new Emperor ascended to the Imperial throne officially with starting the new era. The era name is “Reiwa”, meaning “beautiful harmony”. Eventually, “creating partnership” is the core element of making harmony. And, in the first Japanese legal document established in thousand years ago, the first sentence of the first article says “harmony is prime importance of virtue”. This is the Japanese DNA, “harmony”.

Japan has historically proved that prioritizing harmony has made Japan peacefully develop sustainable economy, disciplined socially and rich of culture. Therefore, creating harmonious partnership would make the world more equalized with prosperity, especially in the new era, “beautiful harmony” starting today.

Q.2: Your Excellency, I found that Japan has more social and economic stability than most other advanced countries. On a broader scale, Japan is considered better in most parameters of prosperity. What do you people do different than the rest of the world?

A.2:

One of the most distinctive differences between Japan and the rest of the world is that Japan has exceptionally small disparities. According to the OECD, Japan is the most equal major economy in the world

In the globe, a total assets of world top eight rich businessmen are equal to the totals of the bottom's 3.6 billion people. Of course, capitalism actually generates inequality as the system. In the meantime, inequality has been historically the most apparent claims in an unstable society, as well as the most direct trigger of clash and conflict.

In Japan, we have built an equal society, benefitted from the tradition, culture and education. I can say at least, Japanese people have been strictly disciplined to dedicate to the society, serve the society, and contribute to the society. Then, a core perspective must be harmony everywhere politically, socially, and economically.