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# **What We Expect from the G8 Environment Ministers' Meeting on Climate Change**

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# Significance of the year 2008

- The 2007 Nobel Peace Award was given to climate change related organization and individual, which symbolizes the fact that the issue of climate change has transcended from simply an environmental problem to a global security issue
- 2008 is the first year of the Kyoto Protocol's first commitment period, which is the first international treaty to make reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.

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- 2008 is also the year to begin real negotiation for a new framework for the second period of the Kyoto Protocol, built on its original framework, to be agreed by 2009.
- An ambitious agreement from the G8 Environment Ministerial is essential to bring a meaningful outcome from Toyako G8 Summit, in order to give positive signals to the UNFCCC negotiation process.
- Especially, since at Bali Conference last December, the United States, for the first time, said that they consider consensus important and that they want to be part of the Bali Road Map, it is essential that a big step forward from the Heiligendam G8 Summit is made, when “halving emissions by 2050” was partially agreed.



**In order to bring such an outcome from the Environment Ministerial, Japan should come up with the following vision:**

- 1. Indicate Japan's long-term reduction goal, peak out within the next 10-15 years, and a mid-term target based on science to sustain global temperature increase below 2 degrees C.**
- 2. Indicate policies & measures to implement the targets such as:**
  - Cap&trade emissions trading scheme, carbon tax, regulation, etc.**
  - Policies to promote renewable energy, and development of necessary technologies**
- 3. Commit to provide enough technological and financial aid to developing countries so that they could take mitigation action in the context of sustainable development.**