

# Historical Compilation of Document by the InterAction Council

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The InterAction Council (of Former Heads of State and Government) was founded in 1983 by Takeo Fukuda, my late father and a Prime Minister of Japan, during the 1970s. It ended its mission in 2014. During these over three decades, the world changed dramatically from the peak of the East-West Cold War era, to the era of a uni-polar world during the 1990s, in which the expected “peace dividend” did not materialize, and then to the era of terrorism and economic uncertainty/expanding gap between the rich and poor in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The main objective of the InterAction Council was to have former heads of state and government apply their experiences to deliberate on long-term, global issues common to all mankind, and to come up with policy recommendations to cope with such problems that would inevitably be imposed on the world. About 20 former heads gathered annually in various parts of the world. Always prior to these annual meetings, we convened high-level expert group meetings to summon the opinions of the world’s foremost authorities and experts in the field of specific agenda.

The enormous volume of documents contained here are all originals: papers submitted to the Council, reports of diverse meetings and policy recommendations and preserved speeches. Most of the principal players have passed away. As the InterAction Council came to its end, I felt it my duty to compile, digitalize and preserve these outstanding documents for the sake of future researchers both in Japanese and English (containing also other languages). As the volume exceeds over 20,000 pages, I have listed below and in ensuing pages their content and indices.

As the world will certainly become more difficult, I am convinced that valuing the sense of universal ethics that flows through all these documents will again be cast light. Lastly, it would be amiss of me not to mention our deep appreciation, on behalf of the InterAction Council, to the Government of Japan, other governments and peoples that have supported the Council with great understanding, kind cooperation and shared sense of values.

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