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(NIPPON GAIKO KYOKAI)

To His Excellency,

Adolf Hitler, Fuhrer and Chancellor of Germany

We, the Japan Institute of Foreign Relations, one of the greatest associations on foreign affairs in Japan -- that very nation of the East firmly bound to the Axis with its entire membership of one accord, consider it is truly a glorious honour to have the occasion to address Your Excellencyship, Reichs Fuhrer and Chancellor, with the highest respect and to pray for the eternal prolonging of the prosperity of the German nation.

Having been bound in the alliance against the Comintern, your country and ours bear together that historical undertaking, for the sake of guarding the civilization and progress of mankind, by denying and rejecting destruction and annihilation.

That is to say, your German nation has been making wonderful strides in pursuit of rational peace in the whole of Europe, through the leadership and chancellorship of Your Excellency, who is the epoch-making, greatest of all statesmen, past and present.

In a painstaking manner, we of the Japanese nation have been faithful in our labour for the consecration and stabilization of East Asia.

Indeed, we live up to the conviction that the fruit of the militant activity of these two nations will be a noble and tremendous

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contribution toward the peace and happiness of all mankind.

In view of the importance, however, of the universal /aspect/ of our mission, which is materially great for both nations, with many far-reaching tasks ahead, we anxiously desire that our mutual cooperation be ever firm.

Herewith, we, the representatives, sincerely desire Your Excellency to display prudent and distinguished economy, so that this world-wide undertaking might be well planted and brought to a conclusion.

This first day of August, the 1938th Year of Western Chronology.

For and on behalf of the Japan Institute of Foreign Relations,

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西曆紀元千九百三十八年八月一日

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永遠の隆昌を祈念

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最も光榮とする所

最大の對外協會たる日本外交協會は、會員の總意を以て總統閣下に最高の敬意を表し、併せ

獨逸國總統アドルフ・ヒトラー閣下

東方の締盟國たる

日本に於ける民間