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In November, Brazil is set to host a G20 summit, and Peru will chair the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

Through such opportunities, Japan aims to develop and further elaborate the ties with the region.

Collaboration with Global South

During a meeting to promote cooperation with Global South countries on October 17th 2023, Kishida emphasized as:

"I believe that going forward, enhancing collaboration with emerging and developing countries collectively called the Global South and becoming partners with these countries, in addition to coordinating with like-minded countries, will not only serve Japan's national interests, including its economic security aspects, but also lead the international community from division and confrontation to cooperation". 1)

In pursuit of collaboration with the Global South, Japan plans to establish a stable international order and formulate flagship

projects through public-private partnerships. These initiatives aim to create a mutually beneficial mechanism for Japan and Global South countries, contributing to economic development and cooperation.

Latin American diplomacy initiative

Especially on Latin America, Japanese Foreign Minister KAMIKAWA Yoko unveiled Japan's Latin American diplomacy initiative during her February visits to Brazil and Panama. The initiative aims to start a new stage of collaboration between Japan and Latin America through dialogue, building on the principles and achievements of Japan's diplomacy toward the region which goes back over 400 years.

For more in-depth stories on Japan's initiatives in Latin America:

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