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I send warm greetings to all those gathered for the 30th plenary session of the U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON).

Our world stands at an inflection point—the decisions we make today will determine the course of our future for decades to come. From promoting nuclear nonproliferation to working to ensure the Indo-Pacific region remains free and open, I am proud that Japan and the United States are working together to set our world on a stronger, safer, and more secure course. Guided by our shared values of freedom, democracy, and equality, our nations remain steadfast in promoting a vision of peace and prosperity for all people.

For more than 60 years, CULCON has helped strengthen this partnership and lay the educational and cultural foundations that are the bedrock of the relationship between the people of the United States and Japan. I am grateful to have a partner like CULCON in fostering mutual respect and understanding between our nations and investing in the next generation of leaders. This work is critical as the United States and Japan deepen our people-to-people ties in the coming years by elevating partnerships between our universities and expanding our multi-sectoral cooperation in fields like quantum computing and artificial intelligence.

This milestone plenary session is a wonderful occasion to celebrate the strength of America's relationship with Japan. When our countries stand together, we stand stronger. May you continue nurturing that strength for many years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden".