



PRIME MINISTER

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J: Prime Minister what is your reaction to the Japanese Prime Minister's statement?

PM: It is quite a comprehensive one where he says that Japan eschews nationalism, where he says that their policy was a mistaken one and where he wants to embrace the principles of peace and prosperity. It is a fairly comprehensive apology. It admits the mistaken policy of the past. He sympathises with the damage that this has caused to other peoples and I think most of the opponents of Japan during the Second World War would be satisfied that a genuine sentiment has been expressed by Prime Minister Murayama.

J: Has he got backing from the whole Japanese Government, do you believe?

PM: Well he is the Prime Minister and he said it on behalf of the Japanese nation.

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