

Message from Prime Minister

Since I became the Prime Minister of Japan, I have had opportunities to visit small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) nationwide. In the course of these visits, I was greatly encouraged and felt proud to witness the hard efforts of SMEs that support the vitality of the Japanese economy and their local communities and are active in the international arena thanks to their strength in monozukuri (manufacturing) technologies and excellent designing capabilities.

The Japanese government will continue to implement reforms toward creating a society where highly motivated SMEs can demonstrate their capabilities to the fullest and make the most of their creative thinking, as well as where their efforts are properly rewarded.

With the publication of this book, I have great expectations for SMEs to begin addressing new challenges. Best wishes for your success!

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