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**Ambassador of Japan conveys to Prime Minister of Iraq
Japan's position on the current situation in Iraq after the referendum**

On 15th October, Ambassador of Japan to Iraq, Mr. Fumio Iwai, was received by H.E. Prime Minister Dr. Haider Al-Abadi at his office and discussed ways to enhance the relations between the two countries.

During the meeting, Ambassador Iwai conveyed Japan's view on the current situation in Iraq after the referendum. The message included the following:

- Japan is concerned that increasing tensions after the referendum would destabilize Iraq and eventually the entire region and waste the efforts made by the international community for the reconstruction of Iraq for many years.
- It is critically important to resolve the issue peacefully through constructive dialogue in a manner that guarantees the unity of Iraq and its territorial integrity under the constitution which our Kurdish friends also agreed upon.
- Japan promises to keep supporting Iraq so long as Iraq and its people have the strong will to rebuild the country.
- We strongly expect the political leaders in Iraq to head in the right direction.

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