Allies in the Arctic

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The Arctic...

- Feeds the world
- Fuels the world
- Provisions the world
- Protects the world
- Connects the world
- Inspires the world
Japan and the U.S...

- Cooperate on energy security
- Are strong allies facing challenges with Russia, China, North Korea, and Radical Islam
- Rely on sustainable oceans for food
- Are working to empower indigenous minorities
- Have a common interest in freedom of navigation, safe shipping and Global Infrastructure
- Play leadership roles in studying and responding to global climate change
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Energy Cooperation:
--Cleaner, more abundant fossil fuels (gas hydrates, coal gasification, carbon sequestration)
--Renewable energy technologies
--Conversion of engines, practices to fight short-term forcers of climate change from soot, methane release
--LNG infrastructure; safe shipping
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Security:
--Naval cooperation and icebreaking capability
--Avoid conflict over shipping; no Russian monopoly
--Freedom of navigation
--Airspace and military logistics; importance of joining SAR and Spill drills
--Arctic situational awareness
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Sustainable Oceans
--Transparency in North Pacific fisheries
--Ocean acidification
--Safe shipping; spill response – Japan can help oil spill prevention with port state rules
--Arctic high seas fisheries agreement
--Science access guarantees were forgotten in UNCLOS
Empower Indigenous Peoples
--Ainu cultural ties to Northern Peoples
--Work with indigenous Permanent Participants
--Reflect understanding of subsistence whaling, ivory carving
--Seek economic opportunity (investment, cultural tourism, purchase of traditional industries (fish, reindeer, crafts)
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Safe shipping and freedom of navigation
--St. Lawrence Seaway model
--Cooperation between “Arctic” ports
--Innovation in shipping technologies
--Port State rules to encourage safe shipping practices in the Arctic
--Improvements to IMO Polar Code
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Study of climate change and appropriate response
--Japan’s polar research programs and continued cooperation thru bilaterals, IASC, PAG, GEOSS, etc. and ocean, atmospheric and space platforms
--Push for science access in the Arctic
--Host for Arctic Science Summit Week (Japan, then Alaska)
--Sea of Okhotsk as bellwether for Arctic Ocean progression
Action Steps...

- Policy and Strategy
- Economic interests
- Security interests
- Arctic Parliamentarians
- Science interests
- Regional interests
Thank you!

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