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**Summary:**

Summary of Japanese Prime Minister Kaifu's conversation with Egyptian Minister of Cabinet Affairs Atef Ebeid. The brief chat included Ebeid's proposal of a desert greening project and Egypt's existing projects with Germany and the Netherlands.

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三日、海部総理はオバイド官房長官と車中にて密談されたところ概要次のとおり(所用秘書官、通訳御同)。

1. 「オ」長官より次のとおり述べた。

(1) 自分(オ)は政府内で環境問題を担当して居るところ、エジプトは北西海岸部が独逸と砂漠緑化計画のプロジェクトを成功裡に遂めたとあり、大統領も高く評価して居る。

(2) 日本は砂漠緑化で高い技術を有して居ると承知するがこの分野での日、エジプト協力が実現すれば有益と考へる。

2. これに対し総理より次のとおり述べられた。

(1) 地球環境問題の重要性は自分も十分認識。

(2) 砂漠緑化等につき日、エジプト間協力ができれば有益と考へるので日本側担当当局に右内容の不詳しを伝達するべしと云ふ。

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2、次に「オ」長官より「シ」と「リ」の  
 エジプトは、地中海、紅海、インド洋と水に  
 恵まれており、魚の養殖が十分行われている。  
 自分（オ）は、エジプトが東及びエビの養  
 殖を行うため日本からの支援を受けようとする  
 と考えているが、総理の意向は如何。  
 （以上に対し、車が目的地に到着したことを  
 知り、総理から回答に返答されず。）

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On October 3, Prime Minister Kaifu Toshiki had a conversation while in a car with Minister of Cabinet Affairs Atef Ebeid. Following is a summary of its main points. (Present was Orita Masaki, Secretary to the Prime Minister. Interpreter: Tsuruoka Koji.)

1. Minister of Cabinet Affairs Ebeid said the following:

- (1) I (Ebeid) am responsible for environmental issues within the government. Egypt has been successfully carrying out with Germany and the Netherlands a desert greening project at the northwestern coast. President Mubarak has also praised it.
- (2) I am aware that Japan has a high level of technology for desert greening. I think that it would be beneficial if Japan and Egypt were to cooperate in this field.

2. In reply, the Prime Minister said the following:

- (1) I, too, am fully aware of the importance of global environmental issues.
- (2) I think that cooperation between Japan and Egypt on desert greening would be beneficial, so I would like to pass what you have said to the appropriate authorities on the Japanese side.

2. Minister of Cabinet Affairs Ebeid then said the following:

Egypt is blessed with water - with the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, and the Nile River - but not enough fish farming is being done.

I (Ebeid) would like to receive assistance from Japan for raising fish and shrimp. What are your thoughts, Prime Minister?

(The Prime Minister gave no particular reply to this, partly for the reason that the car had arrived at its destination.)

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