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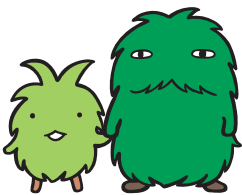
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## **Chairman Toyoda's Comments on Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's Agreeing to Serve as Honorary Chairman of EXPO 2005**

Based on a request from the Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition, Aichi, Japan, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman of EXPO 2005 beginning September 25. Today I visited Prime Minister Koizumi at his official residence, and I was pleased to receive words of encouragement from him.

September 25 marks exactly six months until the opening of EXPO 2005 on March 25, 2005, and Prime Minister Koizumi's agreeing to serve as Honorary Chairman has given a lift to all of us at the Association. With Prime Minister Koizumi joining us, we have resolved anew to do our utmost to continue preparations for an entertaining and enlightening World Exposition six months from now. We appreciate your understanding and continuing support.

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