
JAPANESE LAWMAKERS TRAVEL TO BEIJING, SEEKING TO MEND TIES AFTER TAKAICHI'S TAIWAN REMARK FALLOUT

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A cross-party group of Japanese lawmakers, including one from Prime Minister Sanae Takaichis governing party, headed to Beijing on Monday to meet with Chinese officials for the first time since ties between the two Asian rivals deteriorated after Takaichis comment on Taiwan angered China.

Japan seeks a chance to mend its strained ties with China as tensions have spilled over into the economy.

The group, which includes Gaku Hashimoto, a lawmaker of Takaichis governing Liberal Democratic Party and a former health and welfare vice minister, and a lawmaker each from two opposition parties Komeito and the Centrist Reform Alliance, is to meet with Chinese Communist Party officials during their visit through Thursday.

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