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Japanese American National Museum Statement on Assassination of Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

LOS ANGELES, CA – The **Japanese American National Museum (JANM)** is deeply shocked and saddened by the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe**, in the city of Nara, Japan. Prime Minister Abe toured Los Angeles and **JANM** in [2015 during his official state visit to the United States of America](#).

“We are shocked and saddened by this horrific and violent act and the passing of the former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Prime Minister Abe was the longest-serving and most prominent political leader in Japan, with strong ties to the United States. It was JANM’s great honor to welcome Prime Minister Abe during his official state visit in 2015, where he acknowledged the special relationship and historic ties between Japan and the Japanese American community. We send our condolences to Prime Minister Abe’s family and to the Japanese people on this most sad occasion,” said Ann Burroughs, President and CEO of JANM.

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