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Tokyo holds a long history since it served as Japan’s capital from 794 to 1867. When APEC was founded in 1989, Japan became its first member. The country’s role has grown since then. This year’s APEC summit meeting will be held in Okinawa Prefecture, a southern island, from November 12 to 14.

The meeting will be held in Miyako Island, one of the Yaeyama Islands. The islands are located in the East China Sea and are famous for their coral reefs and blue waters. The summit meeting will be held at the Okinawa Convention Center, which was built for the summit in 2008.

The meeting will be attended by leaders from the 21 APEC member economies, as well as representatives from international organizations and private sector leaders. The meeting will focus on promoting economic growth and regional economic integration, and will discuss issues such as trade liberalization, investment, and infrastructure development.

The leaders will also discuss ways to address regional challenges, including climate change, energy security, and maritime security.

To prepare for the summit meeting, the Japanese government has been working closely with the Okinawa Prefectural Government and other local authorities. The government has made significant efforts to ensure the safety and security of the summit meeting, as well as to promote local economic development.

In addition to the summit meeting, a series of APEC-related events will take place in Okinawa. These events will provide opportunities for leaders and other participants to discuss regional issues and to explore new avenues for collaboration.

The APEC summit meeting is an important opportunity for Japan to showcase the country’s leadership in promoting regional economic growth and development. The government is determined to make the summit meeting a success and to build on the momentum of previous APEC meetings to further advance the goals of the APEC process.