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Ukraine seeks more help from G7 as NATO tightens security

KYIV (Reuters) — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Tuesday he has written to the leaders of the Group of Seven nations on Tuesday for them to deliver capabilities as the G7 vowed to support Kyiv for as long as it takes.

NATO said it was closely monitoring Russia's nuclear forces following a string of Russian battlefield advances in Ukraine and that the allies were also boosting security around key infrastructure after recent attacks on Baltic Sea gas pipelines.

Russian missiles again hit Ukrainian cities but with less intensity than on Monday, when dozens of strikes killed 19 people, wounded more than 100 and knocked out power across the country in Moscow's latest aerial assault.

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Prime Minister Fumio Kishida speaks during a video conference with other G7 leaders on Tuesday. He believes, however, that encouragement can still bring substance to the people who find it difficult to live in this world. "I hope that people who find something there (the song) will be inspired to take action and eventually find themselves feeling hopeful."



Kishida: Russia should never use N-weapons

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Prime Minister Fumio Kishida stressed that Russia should never use nuclear weapons in Ukraine in one there, during a video conference with the leaders of the G7 on Tuesday.

There could be no threat or use of nuclear weapons by Russia, Kishida said during the 90-minute meeting, which included the leaders of Canada, the United States, France, Germany,



Kyoto, Ukrainian designers collaborate for reconstruction of Ukraine

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KYOTO — Six Kyoto firms that work with lacquerware, pottery and other traditional crafts are offering products in support of reconstruction efforts to aid designers in Ukraine. The country's traditional patterns have been incorporated into the products created by Kyoto craftspeople to be given to donors as gifts based on their contribution.

A portion of the proceeds are sent to the Ukraine-based designers to help them fund reconstruction efforts.

The six products include a gamaguchi coin pouch in blue and yellow — the colors of the Ukrainian flag — bearing the image of a dog painted by artist Nakamura Hiroshi of the Edo-period (1603-1868), and a kokeshi doll featuring the characteristics of myriads, a traditional Ukrainian wooden doll. Parovkhi wrapping cloths featuring a traditional Ukrainian pattern also are available.

All the products are designed to convey hope despite the country still suffering from Russian aggression.

The crowdfunding project started with an email sent to Kyoto product designer Kyosuke Fukunaka 42 in March. The email was sent by Denis Sokolov, with whom Fukunaka had worked in the past. Sokolov, co-owner of Ivoria, a product design studio in the eastern Ukrainian city of Dnepropetrovsk, wrote that he was willing to do some design work if it could be used to support his country's economy.

Fukunaka, whose designs have won many awards at home and abroad, consulted on the matter with Kyoshoen, a group supporting cross-industry exchanges among companies that deal with traditional Kyoto crafts. After six companies agreed to participate, Fukunaka further exchanged emails with Ivoria and came up with products that mix Ukrainian features with traditional Japanese crafts.

Ivoria Shoten Co., a lacquer shop founded in



Products jointly developed by Ukrainian designers and Kyoto traditional craft makers are seen in Sakyo Ward, Kyoto City.



A sake bottle was sold inspired by Ukrainian ceramics.



Above: A gamaguchi coin pouch in the colors of the Ukrainian flag that bears the image of a dog painted by artist Nakamura Hiroshi. Right: A kokeshi doll featuring the characteristics of a myriads animal.

the Edo period, created lacquerware items such as dishes depicting the sunflower — Ukraine's national flower — and Ukrainian traditional designs of plants and birds. "We joined the efforts as we thought through our work we would be able to support Ukraine. We worked hard to make the images on the dishes appealing to Japanese people so that they can be sold for a long time," Ivoria Shoten President Toshiroki Okano said.

Donors will receive gifts in return for contribu-

tions starting at ¥1,320. A system usage fee is also required to join the project. The products will be available through crowdfunding site Roadshow until the end of October, after which they will be sold commercially.

"We were able to create products symbolizing Ukrainians' hope to have people know more about their country. I want a lot of people to enjoy the products," Fukunaka said.

Visit <https://roadshow.jp/projects/UDK> for more details.