

# Japan's Efforts for Achieving the SDGs

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



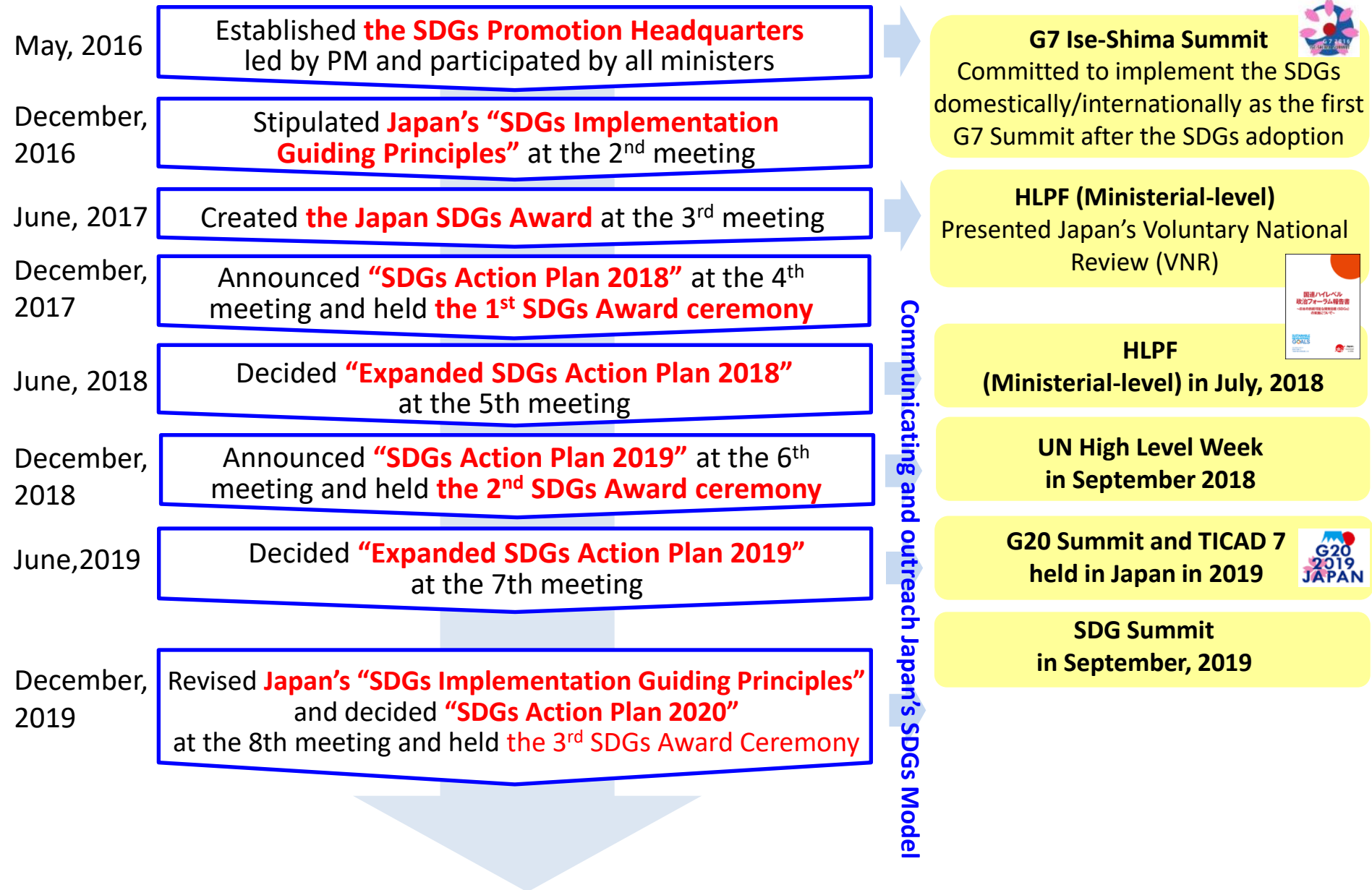
**Creating a prosperous and vibrant future by seeking the SDGs**



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# Efforts by the SDGs Promotion Headquarters





## 1. Introduction

### (1) Significance of the 2030 Agenda

- The 2030 Agenda and SDGs are the universal goals for the entire international community.

### (2) Revision of the SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles

- The SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles are a **mid-to-long term national strategy** to achieve the SDGs both in Japan and in the international community by 2030.
- As 4 years have already passed since the adoption of the SDGs and 3 years since the formulation of the Implementation Guiding Principles, the government of Japan revised the SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles in order to showcase Japan's efforts based on the latest development

## 2. The Latest Development

- (1) Efforts so far: **the SDGs Promotion Headquarters** (Established May 2016), **the SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles** (Decided Dec. 2016), and **the SDGs Action Plan** (Decided every 6 months since Dec. 2017)
- (2) Promoting **Japan's SDGs model** based on the concept of human security,
  - ① Business and Innovation, ② Localization of SDGs, ③ Empowerment of the Next Generation and Women.
- (3) The UN expressed **the sense of crisis at the SDG Summit** in 2019. The 2018 report by the Bertelsmann Foundation of Germany gave Japan higher ratings for achieving **SDG4 (Quality Education)** and **9 (Innovation)**, but lower for **SDG5 (Gender Equality)**.

## 3. Priorities

### (People)

- 1 Realization of gender equality and a society where every person can play an active role
- 2 Achievement of good health and longevity

### (Prosperity)

- 3 Creating growth markets, revitalization of rural areas, and promoting science technology and innovation
- 4 Sustainable and resilient land use, promoting quality infrastructure

### (Planet)

- 5 Energy conservation and renewable energy, disaster risk reduction and climate change countermeasures, sound material-cycle society
- 6 Conservation of biodiversity, forests, and oceans, and other environments

### (Peace)

- 7 Achieving peaceful, safe and secure societies

### (Partnership)

- 8 Strengthening the means and frameworks for the implementation of the SDGs



## 4. Principles for Implementation

- (1) Universality (2) Inclusiveness (3) Participatory
- (4) Integration (5) Transparency and Accountability

## 5. Framework for Further Promotion

- (1) Mainstreaming the SDGs at all level
- (2) Reinforcement of the SDGs Promotion Headquarters
- (3) Major Stakeholders



(The SDGs Promotion Headquarters)

### (4) Public Relations/Awareness Raising

- Further strengthening of public relations and awareness-raising
- Taking advantage of upcoming opportunities, such as the Tokyo Olympic/Paralympic Games and the 2025 World Exposition

## 6. Follow-up and Review

- The Promotion Headquarters, Administrative Meetings, and Roundtable Meetings shall regularly check the progress of the initiatives and make revisions as needed
- Data based SDG indicators will be utilized and progress results will be disclosed
- Periodic reviews will be conducted for the HLPF's Voluntary National Review
- Reviews of the Implementation Guiding Principles will be carried out at least every 4 years



# SDGs Action Plan 2020

■ Japan as a strong prompt of the SDGs based on the concept of “Human Security” leads the global endeavor and assists countries and people around the world to realize societies where “no one is left behind.”

■ “Decade of Action”

SDGs Action Plan 2020 stipulates initiatives and actions by the government in 2020, building upon the revised “SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles” to expand and accelerate Japan’s efforts both domestically and internationally.

## 1. Business and Innovation

- SDGs in Business
- Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for SDGs

## 2. Regional Revitalization driven by the SDGs

- Regional Revitalization
- Building Resilient Cities
- Sound Material-Cycle Society

## 3. Empowerment of next generations and women

- Empowerment of Next Generations and Women
- Education and Health



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# Japan SDGs Award

## Outline

- All the companies and organizations based in Japan making outstanding efforts, either domestically or internationally, to achieve SDGs, are eligible for the Award.
- The SDGs Promotion Headquarters decides award winners based on opinions of a wide-range of stakeholders who have expertise in the SDGs.
- Selection criteria are line bolds, universality, inclusiveness, participation, integration, and transparency and accountability, which are the main principles of the "SDGs Implementation Guidelines" stipulated by the Headquarters.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Award ceremony took place at the Prime Minister's Office on Dec. 20, 2019.

## Winners of the 3rd Award

### Chief's Award (by Prime Minister)

- ◆ Uomachi Shopping Street Association

### Deputy-chiefs' Award (by Chief Cabinet Secretary)

- ◆ Osaka Prefectural Government
- ◆ Kyushu Rikisaku Yasai・Kudamono Project Community

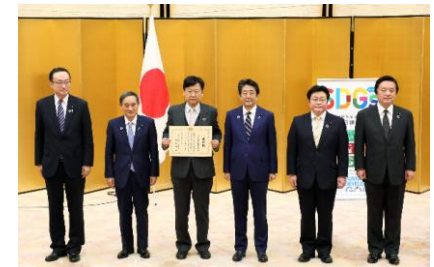
### Deputy-chiefs' Award (by Foreign Minister)

- ◆ TABLE FOR TWO International
- ◆ Fuji Optical Co., Ltd.

### Special Award (SDGs Partnership Award)

- ◆ 6 organizations including private companies, educational institutions, and a youth organization were awarded Special Award.

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# Future Efforts by the Government of Japan

2020

HLPF (Ministerial-level) in July 2020

UN High Level Week in September 2020

December, 2020

Will decide **“SDGs Action Plan 2021”** at the 9th meeting and hold the **4<sup>rd</sup> SDGs Award Ceremony**

Communicating and outreach Japan's SDGs Model

March, 2021

Japan SDGs Action Festival / SDG Global Festival of Action from Japan in Yokohama

HLPF (Ministerial-level) in 2021 Will present Japan's 2<sup>nd</sup> Voluntary National Review (VNR)

and beyond

Will expand and accelerate our efforts based on Japan's Guiding Principles & Action Plan

Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2021 

Osaka Kansai Expo 2025 

Will achieve the SDGs by 2030