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We would like to share our progress on implementation of the 2030 Agenda as one of member states that conduct VNR at the HLPF this year.

The Japanese government established SDGs promotion Headquarter last year headed by Prime Minister with participation of all ministers, to promote domestic implementation of SDGs as well as international cooperation. Subsequently, we published SDGs implementation guidelines last December, with extensive consultations with various stakeholders including CSOs and the private sector. Furthermore, the guidelines determined 8 priority areas as well as 140 concrete measures with specific indicators. We are at the stage of implementing such priority areas.

Besides efforts of the central government, other stakeholders have started to incorporate SDGs in their organizations, which will facilitate multi-stakeholder partnerships.

For instance, SDGs guideline for local governments and cities is published today by academics and local governments to promote localization of the SDGs. Leading private businesses also take initiatives on internalize SDGs in their core businesses. We will share good practices in Japan including such cases at the HLPF this July, which we hope would contribute to implementation of the 2030 Agenda in other countries. We also would like to learn from other countries' experiences and their innovative approaches in this regard.

We are also pleased to share a few examples of international cooperation and support with regard to SDGs in the areas of poverty reduction, health, education, gender, infrastructure, energy, and the environment, among others.

First is the realization of a society where all women shine.

Japan will strongly promote measures for educating women, and ensuring that women are involved in the decision-making process for conflict prevention, peace-building and disaster risk reduction. Japan will fund initiatives valued at more than 3 billion US dollars by the year 2018, with emphasis given to respect for women's rights, building a foundation for women to utilize their skills, and promoting women's leadership.

Second is Climate change.

Japan will work towards delivering our pledge, 1.3 trillion yen in 2020, to support developing countries in their efforts to tackle climate change. To ensure implementation of the Paris Agreement, Japan will enhance technology development and dissemination, and capacity building in developing countries, through activities under the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) with 17 countries. We also support the enhancement of adaptation capacity by building infrastructures of climate risk information in the Asia Pacific region.

Japan will continue to promote cooperation on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda with countries in the region.