The Government of Japan supports the initiative of the Global Strategy to Improve Agriculture and Rural Statistics, because it leads to strategies for the improvement of Agriculture and Rural Statistics for each country in the ESCAP (Asia and the Pacific) region.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan, has been engaged in the decision making process of the Regional Steering Committee for Asia and the Pacific as a resource member, as well as providing assistance with a focus on the improvement of data for food processing and distribution through the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) to ASEAN countries since January this year.

To enable the understanding and consideration of countries’ needs for assistance, we hope that the Regional Office in Asia and the Pacific of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics will share country proposal documents promptly.