

PALM 5 LEADERS' DECLARATION ANNEX 2: ACTION PLAN

<Basic ideas>

On the occasion of the Fifth Pacific Islands Meeting (PALM 5), the Leader of Japan expressed the intention to strengthen partnership with Pacific island countries, in the areas of (i) Environment of climate change, (ii) Overcoming vulnerabilities and promoting human security, and (iii) People-to-people exchange, under the theme of "We are Islanders – Towards a Eco-friendly and Rich Pacific". Focusing on these three pillars, the Government of Japan (GoJ) will support, in a comprehensive manner, Pacific island countries' self-help efforts based on "Pacific Plan". To this end, the Leader of Japan expressed the intention of the GoJ to provide assistance to the extent of 50 billion yen to Pacific island countries over the next three years.

The GoJ will consider to cooperate with major donors including Australia, New Zealand, the World bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), etc.

Proposed Measures by the Government of Japan	Implementing Agency/ Organization	Potential Resources, Possible Contributions
1. Economic Growth		
(1) Trade and Investment		
● Improve investment environment	GoJ (MOFA/ METI)/JICA/ Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Technical cooperation for the improvement of investment environment (training courses, etc.) GoJ (MOFA/ METI): Consultations at the working-level for the improvement of investment environment GoJ (METI)/ JOGMEC : Support exploration of natural resources in Pacific islands countries
● Enhance functions of the Pacific Islands Center (PIC)	GoJ (MOFA)/ PIF/ PIC	GoJ (MOFA)/ PIF Secretariat / PIC: Relocation of the office of PIC, utilization of external fund, etc.
● Promote products of Pacific island countries	GoJ (METI) / JETRO/ PIC	GoJ (METI) /JETRO/ PIC : Hold the Pacific Islands Exhibition GoJ (METI) /JETRO: Promote food products of Pacific islands countries at "FOODEX JAPAN" GoJ (METI) /JETRO: Promote "One-village One- Product (OVOP)" campaign
● Create business opportunities	GoJ (METI) /JETRO/ PIC	PIC: Dispatch trade and investment promotion mission JETRO: Organize investment seminar on Pacific countries and the region
● Promote the cooperation between the public and private sectors	GoJ (MOFA/ MOF/ METI/MLIT) /JICA	GoJ (MOFA/ MOF/ METI) : Promote cooperation between the public and private sectors for sustainable development, including effective use of ODA GoJ (MLIT) : Organize conference between Japan and PIF countries on construction to create business opportunities
(2) Development of infrastructure		

●Increase energy supply	GoJ (MOFA/ MOF)/JICA/Asian Development Bank (ADB)/	GoJ (MOFA) / JICA / ADB: Financial cooperation for electric power sector GoJ (MOFA) / JICA : Technical cooperation for the improvement of maintenance and management capability of energy infrastructure GoJ (MOFA) / JICA : Financial and technical cooperation on clean energy including solar power GoJ(MOF)/ ADB: Assistance for the preparation of ADB projects on electoric power through the Japan Special Fund (JSF) of ADB
●Improve transport infrastructure	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA GoJ (MLIT) /Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF)	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: (i) Financial cooperation on transport infrastructure, (ii) technical cooperation for the improvement of maintenance capability of infrastructure GoJ (MLIT) /OPRF: Invitation programs for maritime transport and ship-building sectors
●Assistance in the area of ICT (Information Communication Technology)	GoJ (MOFA/ MIC)/JICA/ Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT)	GoJ (MIC)/ APT: Human resource development programs in the ICT field and pilot projects for eliminating digital divide utilizing Japan's Extra Budgetary Contributions GoJ (MOFA) /JICA : (i) Financial cooperation for communication infrastructure, (ii) technical cooperation for the improvement of maintenance and management capability of communication infrastructure
(3) Fisheries		
●Promote sustainable fisheries, including training for sustainable fishing method	GoJ (MOFA/MAFF)/JICA/ Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	GoJ (MOFA) / JICA : Technical cooperation for aquaculture, fish processing, sustainable fishing method, etc. GoJ (MAFF) / WCPFC : Improve management capability for tuna resources through WCPFC
●Assistance for improvement of fishery-related infrastructure	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Financial cooperation for the improvement of fishery-related infrastructure
●Promote regional fisheries and capacity building	GoJ (MAFF)/OFCF (Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan)	GoJ (MAFF): Provide subsidies for training course, dispatch of experts and provision of equipments, etc. OFCF: Implement training courses, dispatch of experts and provision of equipments, etc.
(4) Agriculture		
●Promote sustainable agriculture, including training for organic rice cultivation	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Technical cooperation for sustainable development of agriculture
●Develop technology for effective utilization of water resources	GoJ (MAFF) /JIRCAS (Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences)	GoJ (MAFF) /JIRCAS : Implement research project on development of technology for effective utilization of water resources in atoll islands.
(5) Tourism		
●Support human resource development in the area of tourism	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA) / JICA: Human resource development through regional training programs and dispatch of volunteers
●Promote Pacific island countries as tourism destination in Japan	PIC	PIC:Implementation of tourism promotion projects (Participation to travel fairs, development of publicity medium, etc.)

●Safeguard intangible cultural heritage	GoJ (MOFA/MEXT)/UNESCO	GoJ (MOFA) / JICA : Assistance through UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (Workshops, Intangible Cultural Heritage preservation projects, etc.) GoJ (MEXT) : Training courses for the protection of intangible cultural heritage, etc.
2. Sustainable Development		
(1) Assistance for the adaptation to the climate change		
●Enhance capacity to deal with sea-level rise	GoJ (MOFA/MEXT)/JICA/Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA : Technical cooperation for enhancement of capacity to deal with sea-level rise , based on "Cool Earth Partnership" GoJ (MOFA/MEXT)/JICA/JST: Support adaptation measures against sea-level rise in Tuvalu.
●Promotion of the Global Mapping Project	GoJ (MLIT/ GSI(Geographical Survey Institute))	GoJ (MLIT/GSI(Geographical Survey Institute)) : Provide technical support for the development and utilization of Global Map.
(2) Renewable energy		
●Promote the introduction of renewable energy	GoJ (MOFA/METI)/JICA / PIF Secretariat/ Japan Electric Power Information Center (JEPIC)	GoJ (MOFA)/ PIF Secretariat: Provision of solar power generation through Japan's contribution to the PIF GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Assistance through Program Grant Aid for Environment and Climate Change, based on "Cool Earth Partnership" GoJ(METI)/ JEPIC: Provide opportunities for technical cooperation on renewable energy including solar power
(3) Water and sanitation		
●Build water supply and sewage systems and capacity building for these infrastructures	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA/ PIF Secretariat	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA: (i) Financial cooperation for the improvement of access to water resources, based on "Cool Earth Partnership", (ii) Technical cooperation (including dispatch of "W-SAT; the Water Security Action Team") GoJ (MOFA)/ PIF Secretariat: Assistance for water supply through Japan's contribution to the PIF
(4) Waste management		
●Support PIF countries' efforts to implement the regional master plan for waste management in the Pacific ●Promote effective utilization of resources through "3Rs(Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)" initiatives.	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Technical cooperation for the implementation of the regional master plan for waste management in the Pacific (Improvement of landfill system through "Fukuoka Method", promotion of 3Rs initiatives, etc.) GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Workshops for waste management in the Pacific

(5) Environmental conservation		
●Support PIF countries' efforts to preserve natural environment, based on initiatives such as "Micronesia Challenge"	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Technical cooperation for improvement of management capability of natural reserves.
●Promote coral reef protection	GoJ (MOE)	GoJ (MOE) : Improve international database and elaborate strategy for coral reef marine protection area network
●Support sustainable use of forestry resources	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA : Training courses for forest conservation
●Realize sustainable society, pursuing both economic growth and environment protection	GoJ (MOE)	GoJ (MOE): Conduct investigations including field studies and elaborate a project plan for realizing "Model Island for Environment".
●Support NGO activities	GoJ (MOE) / ERCA (Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency of Japan)	GoJ (MOE) / ERCA : Support the activities of NGOs through Japan Fund for Global Environment
(6) Health		
●Support capacity building of healthcare infrastructure and human resource development of healthcare workers for the enhancement of health system in the Pacific region, assistance for the improvement of access to health service	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Technical cooperation for the training of regional nursery leaders GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA : Financial cooperation for the improvement of hospitals, clinics, etc.
●Enhance measures for infectious diseases in the Pacific region, including PacELF (the Pacific Program to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis)	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA : Technical cooperation for the promotion of vaccination
●Support elaboration of expenditure plan in the health sector	GoJ(MOF)/ ADB	GoJ(MOF)/ ADB: Assistance for the elaboration of expenditure plan in the health sector of the Pacific region through the Japan Special Fund (JSF) of ADB
(7) Education		
●Capacity building of teachers and support for the creation of educational opportunities in isolated islands and rural areas	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Technical cooperation for distance learning program at University of the South Pacific (USP) GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Financial cooperation for the improvement educational infrastructure

●Support human resource development for realization of sustainable development	GoJ(MOE)/United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) :	GoJ(MOE)/UNU-IAS : Support networking of postgraduate schools for developing environmental leadership in Asia-Pacific region (Participation of University of the South Pacific (SUP) from Pacific region)
3. Good Governance		
●Support enhancement of policy-making capacities	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Dispatch advisors for strengthening policy-making capacities
●Assistance for strengthening institutions and administrative capacities	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA : Training courses for strengthening institutions and administrative capacities
●Assistance for the improvement of governance and elimination of corruption	GoJ(MOF)/ ADB	GoJ(MOF)/ ADB: Support implementation of Pacific Regional Audit Initiative (PRAI) through the Japan Special Fund (JSF) of ADB
●Facilitate of cross-border procedures	GoJ (MOF)	GoJ (MOF) : Technical cooperation in the area of customs (Dispatch of experts, training, etc.)
4. Security		
(1) Improve natural disaster prevention		
●Improve disaster risk management capabilities	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: (i) Technical cooperation for capacity building in community-level, (ii) Technical cooperation for the improvement of regional meteorology service
●Improve earthquake observation	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for earthquake observation in Fiji and Tonga
●Provide information on Tsunami	GoJ (MLIT)	GoJ (MLIT): Provision of Tsunami related information through Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC)
●Use satellite technologies to enhance measures for natural disaster	GoJ (MIC/MEXT)/ Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)/ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	GoJ (MIC/MEXT)/ JAXA/ ESCAP: Demonstration experiments and training courses using land-observation satellite "Daichi " and ultra-high- speed internet satellite "Kizuna". .
●Emergency assistance	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA:Provide emergency assistance on occurrence of natural disasters in the areas of Pacific island countries. Coordinate with neighbouring countries (Australia, New Zealand, etc.), if necessary.

● Pacific Natural Catastrophe Risk Insurance	GoJ(MOF)/ World Bank	GoJ(MOF)/ World Bank: Create a new insurance mechanism which enables the disaster-affected country to receive quick liquidity support through index-based payment scheme. Call for regional partners' cooperation to this mechanism.
(2) Improvement of maritime safety		
● Support human resource development in the areas of maritime safety	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA: Training courses for the improvement of maritime safety
5. People to People Exchange ("Kizuna Plan")		
● "Solid" KIZUNA : Youth exchange for more than 1,000 people in the next 3 years	GoJ (Cabinet Office/ MOFA / MEXT)/ JICA	GoJ (Cabinet Office/ MOFA / MEXT)/ JICA :Multi-layered exchange, with a particular focus on young generation, including "World Youth Ship Program", Oversea students, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV), high school students exchange, pupils and youth exchange, invitation programs, etc.
● "New" KIZUNA : Creation of new exchange scheme and expansion of existing schemes	GoJ (Cabinet Office/ MOFA/ MEXT)/ ASEAN Secretariat / PIF Secretariat	GoJ (MOFA)/ ASEAN Secretariat / PIF Secretariat: Launch new youth exchange program (environment sector) among Japan, ASEAN and Pacific island countries (around 50 people per year). GoJ (MOFA/MEXT): Double the number of research students (postgraduate level) from Pacific Island countries to Japan GoJ (Cabinet Office): Explore new participating countries and calling ports for the "Ship for World Youth Program" in the Pacific region. Conduct programs focusing on Pacific island countries.
● "Strong" KIZUNA :Networking and creation of "Visit Pacific Forum"	GoJ (MOFA/ MLIT) /JICA/ PIC	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA :.Build database and network of ex-participants of people-to-people exchange (Organize 1st Alumni meeting in Japan, etc.) . GoJ (MOFA/ MLIT) /PIC: Establish "Visit Pacific Forum" composed of tourism experts from public and private sectors. Commission will aim to discuss ways to attract more Japanese tourists to Pacific island countries and to submit proposal to the Prime Minister of Japan.

Acronyms

JICA: Japan International Cooperation Agency

MAFF: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery

METI: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

MIC: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

MLIT: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

MOE: Ministry of Environment

MOF: Ministry of Finance

MOFA: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PIC: Pacific Islands Center