Commitments and Pledges

Contribution to the Human Rights Council (HRC)
Japan has actively contributed to the HRC’s discussions and to the adoption of key resolutions. Japan will continuously contribute to the initiatives of the HRC, including the Special Procedures and the Universal Periodic Review, and will also play an active role in strengthening the work of the HRC.

Constructive Dialogue
Japan has held regular dialogues on human rights with various countries based on the principle of mutual understanding and respect. Japan will continue to hold interactive dialogues with such countries and contribute to each country’s efforts to promote human rights.

Enhancement of Civil Society Engagement
Japan recognizes the importance of various activities by civil society. Japan holds meetings with non-governmental organizations, listens to their opinions and reflects them in the periodic reports. Japan will continue to attach great importance to dialogues with civil society.

Respect for International Human Rights Instruments
Japan is committed to the appropriate implementation of international human rights instruments, including the steady follow-up on the recommendations and dialogue with each treaty body.

Dynamic Engagement of All Citizens
All the relevant ministries and agencies have engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights in various fields. Japan will realize a society where all people can exercise their abilities and find their lives worth living, including the young and the elderly, women and men, and persons with disabilities and children.
Dialogue and Cooperation—
Japan’s Basic Human Rights Policy

Protecting human rights is the most fundamental responsibility of any nation, regardless of their countries’ cultures, traditions, political and economic systems and levels of socio-economic development.

Based on its commitment to constructive dialogue and cooperation, Japan contributes to the promotion and protection of human rights in the world in collaboration with the international community including the Human Rights Council, the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly, and civil society.

Japan—Committed to All Human Rights

Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality
- Promotion of policy measures towards “A Society Where All Women Shine”
- The World Assembly for Women (WAWI)2017 was held with 2,400 participants from around the world, arousing extensive attention to women’s empowerment

Rights of the Child
- Board Member and Pathfinding Country of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (GPeVAC) in cooperation with UNICEF and NGOs

Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020
- Efforts to make the Games an opportunity to foster an inclusive society based on diversity and harmony where all kinds of differences are recognized, including race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disabilities and other status

Business and Human Rights
- Formulating a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights based on the commitment to the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to promote and protect human rights in the context of business

Global Health and Disaster Risk Reduction
- The Tokyo Declaration on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) at the UHC Forum 2017 as a commitment to accelerate efforts toward achieving UHC by 2030
- Introduction of the concept “Build Back Better” in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, utilizing its advanced knowledge and technology for disaster risk reduction

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