

Statement by State Minister UTO
at the Climate and Development Ministerial

Thank you, Minister Dominic Raab, and Minister Alok Sharma COP26 President, for organizing this important meeting.

The whole world is accelerating its efforts toward decarbonization, and Japan is also contributing to that. We need to be united to pursue such efforts, as one of the most urgent issues on the Earth.

We should not also forget about the concurring climate impacts. This Ministerial meeting comes timely as an occasion for addressing this issue as well as the role of climate finance from the perspective of vulnerable countries. I would like to state Japan's activities on the following three points.

First, Japan continues to work toward achieving the joint mobilization goal of 100 billion US dollar annually in climate finance. Japan has committed to the provision of climate finance amounting to approximately 1.3 trillion yen, under the initiative of ACE2.0, and will continue to maintain its commitment.

Secondly, Japan further strengthens its support for adaptation. Having suffered a great number of natural disasters, Japan has proactively tackled the issue of disaster risk reduction and shared its knowledge with other countries in order to contribute to the enhanced resilience of the planet. Japan importance on mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and prior investment in this context. Japan provides assistance both in resilient infrastructure and capacity building so that developing countries will give its priority to disaster risk reduction in their policy planning and increase investment in this field.

Thirdly, Japan aims at improving access to climate finance. Japan facilitates policy dialogues with recipient countries in order to align its assistance with the needs and priorities of recipient countries. Moreover, Japan continues to support, through JICA, to realize enabling environment of developing countries absorbing private climate investment.

Furthermore, as one of the biggest donors of the Green Climate Fund, we will continue to make efforts to improve the access to multilateral climate finance for these countries so that they can receive climate finance in timely manner.

I hope this Ministerial meeting will lead to further discussions at the upcoming COP26. Thank you all for kind attention.