

Closing Remarks by Prime Minister SUGA
at COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC) Summit

Excellencies, Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

As a result of today's Summit, we have secured well beyond the target of 8.3 billion USD, thanks to your strong commitments and generous support.

This means that we have achieved the goal of securing at least 1.8 billion doses for nearly 30% of the population of AMC-eligible economies.

This is an extremely significant and meaningful step forward in securing global "equitable access to vaccines".

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each country and organization for their contributions as a co-host of this Summit.

We also welcomed new donors including from emerging countries and private companies. I am happy to see the circle of partners growing in the field of global health.

However, in order to further advance "equitable access to vaccines", challenges still lie ahead, including sustainable financial contribution and increasing production capacity.

Comprehensive effort in therapeutics, diagnostics and health systems strengthening through the ACT Accelerator is also of critical importance.

Going forward, I have high hopes that we will continue to see new commitments. Japan will also continue to do our utmost to contribute to ensuring “equitable access to vaccines”.

In addition, as part of our efforts to achieve Universal Health Coverage, Japan also places importance on the support for health security in a wide range of areas including nutrition, water and sanitation. We will host the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit 2021 in December this year to improve nutrition across the world.

It is our important responsibility to overcome the current pandemic crisis and prepare for future health crises, thereby leading the world to “build back better”.

Japan is determined to continue to lead international efforts in the health arena, with an emphasis on multilateralism, together with all of you.

Thank you very much.