

Gavi COVAX AMC Summit 2022
Statement by H.E. Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan

Excellencies,
Colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The world has been confronting the COVID-19 crisis for over two years now. We have learned a lot during this time, and we have developed a powerful tool in the form of vaccines. However, there still remains a “vaccine equity gap” in the world. The key to truly overcoming this pandemic is to ensure equitable access to vaccines in every country and region of the world, so that “no one’s health is left behind”. Now is the time to demonstrate our solidarity through action and to take further steps to overcome the crisis.

Japan has already disbursed 1 billion USD to the COVAX Facility and has donated more than 43 million doses of vaccines to countries and regions in need. In addition, Japan has provided “Last One Mile Support” totaling approximately 160 million USD in 77 countries and regions to strengthen vaccination capacity, including through the development of cold chain systems and addressing vaccine hesitancy.

Furthermore, in response to the variants of COVID-19, as well as to prepare for future pandemics, Japan has recently pledged a new contribution of 300 million USD to CEPI.

Today, as a further contribution for robustly supporting the achievement of equitable access to vaccines, taking into account the circumstances surrounding this replenishment and relevant efforts, Japan hereby pledges to contribute up to 500 million USD to COVAX in addition

to the contribution of 1 billion dollars that it has already disbursed. In order to deliver vaccines to every corner of the world, Japan will continue providing tailor-made support based on the needs of each country under the principle of human security.

Japan is determined to continue to lead international efforts to achieve universal health coverage and overcome the COVID-19 pandemic in close cooperation with the relevant countries and organizations. Thank you very much.

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