

COVID-19 Global Action Plan Foreign Ministerial Meeting  
Statement by Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa

Minister Alvarez, Minister Kwape, Minister Momen, Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield and distinguished participants,

It is my great pleasure to be here today, with all of you, to participate in the GAP Ministerial meeting.

COVID-19 is not over. We must sustain our efforts to put an end to it. Although the vaccination rate has been increasing, we still have a lot of work to do.

As a way to promote vaccination, coordination with routine immunization has been discussed and efforts are underway in many countries.

For example, Japan is providing technical training to strengthen the capacity of female health workers in Pakistan in charge of routine immunization, so that they can also administer COVID-19 vaccines. We will continue to provide support addressing the needs of each country.

Toward strengthening global health security architecture, as under LOE6, Japan will actively lead the discussions, effectively coordinating with the discussions leading up to the G7 Hiroshima Summit next year. We will continue to lead efforts in the Global Action Plan with a view to achieving UHC.

Thank you.

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