

**Video statement by H.E. Mr. YAMADA Kenji,
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At Pledging Conference for the FSO Safer in Yemen
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The Government of the United Kingdom, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the United Nations, I would like to express my appreciation for your organization of this conference. I also appreciate the great efforts by Mr. Gressley, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen, towards resolving this unprecedented issue of FSO Safer.

Japan, as a responsible member of the international community, has provided a total of approximately 430 million US dollars of humanitarian assistance since 2015, in areas such as food, education, health, and assistance for the displaced people. Japan has already decided to provide at least approximately 24 million US dollars of additional humanitarian assistance in 2023.

Yemen is now facing many difficult challenges. Among them, the FSO Safer is the most important issue that the international community must urgently tackle. Therefore, Japan has already disbursed all of the 1 million US dollars we decided to contribute to the UN plan at the end of last year. In light of the importance of this issue, we will continue to work with the international community to advance this project. We, the Japanese government will continue to appeal to other stakeholders on the significance of the issue and encourage other countries which have not yet made any financial contributions to do so.

Finally, we recognize that it is an important step forward that the UNDP purchased a tanker. We strongly hope that the oil will be smoothly transferred from FSO Safer to the tanker. Thank you for your attention.

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