



## Commitments and Pledges

### ■ Contribution to the Human Rights Council (HRC)

Japan has actively contributed to the HRC's discussions and to **the adoption of key resolutions**. Japan will continuously contribute to the initiatives of the HRC, including the Special Procedures and the Universal Periodic Review, and will also play **an active role in strengthening the work of the HRC**.

### ■ Constructive Dialogue

Japan has held **regular dialogues on human rights** with various countries based on the principle of mutual understanding and respect. Japan will continue to hold interactive dialogues with such countries and contribute to each country's efforts to promote human rights.

### ■ Enhancement of Civil Society Engagement

Japan recognizes **the importance of various activities by civil society**. Japan holds meetings with non-governmental organizations, listens to their opinions and reflects them in the periodic reports. Japan will continue to attach great importance to **dialogues with civil society**.

### ■ Respect for International Human Rights Instruments

Japan is committed to **the appropriate implementation of international human rights instruments**, including the steady follow-up on the recommendations and dialogue with each treaty body.

### ■ Dynamic Engagement of All Citizens

All the relevant ministries and agencies have engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights in various fields. Japan will realize **a society where all people can exercise their abilities and find their lives worth living**, including the young and the elderly, women and men, and persons with disabilities and children.



# JAPAN

Candidate for  
**Human  
Rights  
Council**  
**2020-2022**

# Dialogue and Cooperation— Japan's Basic Human Rights Policy

**Protecting human rights** is the most **fundamental responsibility** of any nation, regardless of their countries' cultures, traditions, political and economic systems and levels of socio-economic development.

Based on its commitment to **constructive dialogue and cooperation**, Japan contributes to the promotion and protection of human rights in the world **in collaboration with the international community** including the Human Rights Council, the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly, and civil society.

## Japan—Committed to All Human Rights

### Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality

- Promotion of policy measures towards “**A Society Where All Women Shine**”
- **The World Assembly for Women (WAW!)2017** was held with **2,400 participants** from around the world, arousing extensive attention to women's empowerment



Panel discussion in WAW!2017, Tokyo

### Rights of the Child

- **Board Member and Pathfinder Country of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (GPeVAC)** in cooperation with UNICEF and NGOs



Japan's support for children in Egypt



Japan's efforts for combatting malaria in Lao PDR



Japan-Chile cooperation on tsunami-resilience

### Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020

- Efforts to make the Games an opportunity to foster an inclusive society based on **diversity and harmony where all kinds of differences are recognized**, including race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disabilities and other status

### Global Health and Disaster Risk Reduction

- **The Tokyo Declaration on Universal Health Coverage (UHC)** at the UHC Forum 2017 as a commitment to accelerate efforts toward achieving UHC by 2030
- Introduction of the concept “**Build Back Better**” in the **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**, utilizing its advanced knowledge and technology for disaster risk reduction



Japan-Kenya exchange of Judo players

### Business and Human Rights

- Formulating a **National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights** based on the commitment to the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to promote and protect human rights in the context of business