

**Remarks by**  
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Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am Fumio Kishida, Foreign Minister of Japan. It is my great pleasure to be able to present Japan's determination to achieve SDGs.

Japan's vision for SDGs is to create a diverse and inclusive society in which no one is left behind. I believe that our efforts to achieve SDGs will revitalize both Japan and the world.

Japan aims to create a diverse and inclusive society where everyone can demonstrate their abilities to the fullest and succeed.

A society where even a single mother and her daughter living under difficult conditions, or a boy born with disabilities can succeed. That is the society I want to create and will create. Japan will make every effort both domestically and internationally to achieve SDGs and realize the society that I envision.

What Japan has done, first and foremost, is to create a foundation to implement SDGs. We established the "SDGs Promotion Headquarters," headed by the Prime Minister, as well as have held multi-stakeholder meetings, such as the SDGs Promotion Roundtable. Through intensive discussions and public comment, we have formulated the *SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles*.

Japan is vigorously making its way forward. In so doing, we cherish the concept of “PPAP”. It stands for “*Public Private Action for Partnership*”.

By combining wisdom of various stakeholders including civil society, private enterprises and the government, Japan will take concrete actions, both at home and abroad. This is the path that we must pursue.

Here are some cases exemplifying PPAP!

### ～ P P A P 事例を紹介する動画～

How was the video? As you just saw now, Japan will strengthen our partnership and mobilize diverse wisdom and technologies to create a world that leaves no one behind.

SDGs are efforts to create a better future in the year 2030 and beyond. The key to achieving SDGs is the empowerment of children and youth.

Now, I would like to introduce Ms. Lin Kobayashi. She has recently been in the spotlight as a founder and the chair of the board of an innovative high school in Japan. I hope that in listening to her story, you will hear something that resonates in your heart.

Lin-san, you have the floor.

### ～小林りん氏によるスピーチ～

Thank you, Lin-san. I am sure that everyone here was able to see the importance of

education in transforming the world. Japan will also focus on policies targeting the next generation.

Firstly, Japan will squarely address various issues at home, such as inequality and the role of women. We will implement strong and holistic policies to tackle challenges like poverty among children, youth unemployment, and violence against children, based on the *SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles*. We will nurture children who will act as a creator of sustainable communities through our new school curricula.

Japan will also promote international cooperation based on the notion of human security. Today, I am pleased to announce that the Government of Japan commits to provide 1 billion dollars of assistance by 2018, focusing on children and youth, particularly in the areas of education, health, disaster risk reduction, and gender equality.

For example, in Syria, Japan is working with 7 international organizations to achieve multi-dimensional outcomes such as rehabilitation of schools, capacity building for teachers, raising awareness on health and education for internally displaced people according to the needs of people and schools. Japan will continue to implement comprehensive assistance based on the human security approach.

I believe mainstreaming of SDGs is essential toward the full implementation of SDGs. To this end, Japan has already embarked on several measures, including establishing the “Japan SDGs Award” and distributing Japan SDGs logo to organizations committed to SDGs.

Moreover, we have bolstered efforts in cities and towns all over Japan. Last month, I visited Ishikawa prefecture, and was inspired by the innovative efforts of local companies which

are utilizing their own technologies to advance the SDGs. We will also promote a scheme of JICA called “Feasibility Survey for SDGs Business”, in order to support businesses in developing countries which contribute to achieving SDGs.

Japan is also collaborating with the entertainment industry. We are in partnership with Yoshimoto Kogyo, a renowned Japanese entertainment company, as well as the world-famous entertainer PIKOTARO. We will enhance these efforts to mainstream SDGs by creating a nation-wide movement.

Tonight, Japan will host a reception and PIKOTARO will perform as a SDGs promoter. Japan’s private companies and civil society will also be there to introduce their work and actions toward achieving SDGs. I hope that you will join us and feel our strong Public Private Action for Partnership, PPAP.

“Leave no one behind!!”

Thank you for attention.

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