

Statement by Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan,
Mr. Kenji YAMADA,
Ukraine Reform Conference in Toronto, 2 July, 2019

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Minister Chrystia Freeland,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great honor to participate in the Ukraine Reform Conference on behalf of the Government of Japan.

Facing enormous challenges, the Government of Ukraine has made concrete achievements in its reforms in such fields as anti-corruption, healthcare, judiciary, and national police.

Yet, Ukrainians still have a long way to go.

There remain serious challenges in fields such as energy, agriculture, and the electoral system.

Against this backdrop, President Zelenskyy announced in his

inauguration speech that he would build “a country where all the rules are honest and transparent.”

All participants in this conference hall share and support President Zelenskyy’s goal.

And Japan is ready to continue its support towards Ukraine as long as Ukrainians pursue the path of reform.

We also hope that a new parliament to be formed after the upcoming general election will work hand in hand with the government to lead the people of Ukraine so that they will build a country where no corruption would be tolerated.

The international community has been paying close attention to the developments in Ukraine.

The G7 countries, the EU, and the international community oppose any form of aggression as well as respect and support the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Government of Japan has committed assistance worth more than 1.8 billion U.S. dollars to Ukraine in the aim of supporting a wide range of projects, starting from reconstruction of schools to modernization of a sewage treatment plant.

Japan has also continuously extended reconstruction and humanitarian assistance to eastern Ukraine.

Ukraine is Japan's future-oriented partner that shares fundamental values.

I am convinced that, as long as Ukrainians maintain their strong will to carry on their reform efforts, they will enjoy the fruits of stability and prosperity.

Thank you very much.

(End)