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Thank you for inviting me to this important event.

In my brief remarks, let me highlight Japan's contributions in the FGHI processes, and also, share with you Japan's thoughts about the future of GHIs.

Let me share with you two key contributions Japan has made recently on global health.

First, Japan hosted the G7 this year, and both "G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué" and "G7 Nagasaki Health Ministers' Communiqué" under the Presidency of Japan have explicit references to FGHI. This is the reflection of the fact that the G7 leaders fully appreciate the work of FGHI. Japan, together with other G7 members, played an active role in securing such references to FGHI into Communiqué. Please allow me to read the whole paragraph from the Hiroshima Communiqué: "Recognizing the increasing need for overarching, system-level coordination and alignment of global health partnerships including the Global Health Initiatives and their interface, we will take collective actions to avoid fragmentation and duplication, ensure accountability, maximize impacts, and reinforce country leadership with a view to enhancing governance in global health and to supporting the achievement of UHC. In this regard, we look forward to the outcome of the Future of Global Health Initiatives."

I believe this says it all.

Second, Japan actively contributed to the research process led by FGHI. I, myself, took an interview to provide some input, and a Japanese expert participated in the research. I hope that Japan's contribution was meaningful, and I would like to congratulate everyone involved on the successful launch of the outcome document. I understand that our immediate task now is to draft our recommendation based on the research, and Japan will continue to make contributions.

I heard that I am allowed to be “provocative” in my speech today, so let me take your word for it – at its face value.

In my opinion, the ultimate goal that we envision is to create a world, where we can all live healthy without resorting to GHIs. The research outcome clearly indicates that more coordination across GHIs is critical, but I just wanted to pose some ultimate goal that we want to envision beyond coordinated and streamlined GHIs. “The future of global health” is not equal to “the future of global health initiatives.”

I do not want to underestimate the value of all the critical work, that has been demonstrated by GHIs as a long-standing supporter to many of the existing GHIs. And I am not necessarily recommending GHIs to sunset right away. We must work together to bring about an effective GHI landscape.

In order to achieve UHC, we will need sustainable health systems everywhere. There should be sustainable financing.

In ending, I would like to assure you that Japan will continue to collaborate with FGHI and to work with all partners to paint a brighter and healthier future for all of us. We need collective action. We need to accelerate action towards achieving UHC by 2030.