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● This “Declaration for the Protection of Humanitarian Personnel” was launched during last year’s UN General Assembly High-level Week. The growing number of signatories is a testament to the heightening importance of ensuring the lives and safety of humanitarian personnel, especially given that many humanitarian personnel continue to fall victim to violence around the world.

● I would like to take this opportunity to provide a slightly more detailed introduction about Japan’s practices related to the declaration.

● In 2000, Japan led the establishment of an emergency preparedness training platform called “e-Centre” for the Asia-Pacific region. Since then, Japan has played a leading role in strengthening the regional humanitarian response capacities in collaboration with UNHCR.

- At this e-Centre, in collaboration with Japanese NGOs, we conduct practical, scenario-based trainings for humanitarian personnel including NGO staff on topics that form the foundation of international humanitarian response, such as security risk management, humanitarian negotiations, and safety in the field.

- Since 2024, Japan has also supported the expansion of the e-Centre initiative to Africa. Through this, humanitarian personnel operating in some of the highest-risk areas are able to acquire the essential knowledge and skills needed to protect themselves and deliver humanitarian assistance safely.

- As a member of the Group of Friends of this Declaration, Japan would like to reiterate our firm commitment to the protection of humanitarian personnel.