Parliamentary Vice-Minister Okamoto attended the UN HLPF in July. The Government of Japan hosted a reception at the UN headquarters, and highlighted Japan’s nation-wide efforts to promote SDGs towards 2030 in cooperation with including companies, civil society and international community. Japan’s major efforts on SDGs at this year’s HLPF based on the three key areas of the “Extended SDGs Action Plan 2018” are as follows.

### The reception hosted by the GoJ

**Promotion of Japan’s efforts on SDGs through bidding for Osaka-Kansai Japan Expo 2025**

At the reception, the government of Japan headed by VM Okamoto, in cooperation with Mr. Yoshimura, Mayor of Osaka, and a wide range of organizations including Japan Business Federation (Keidanren), private companies and civil societies, appealed Osaka-Kansai Japan EXPO 2025 and played up Japan’s initiative to promote SDGs.

**Contribution to drafting the framework of “STI Roadmap for SDGs”**

Ambassador Hoshino, as a co-chair of the 3rd STI Forum, reported the outcome of the forum to the participants of HLFP. In particular, they exchanged views on topics such as the efforts on drafting “the STI for SDGs roadmap” and digital divide.

**2. Regional vitalization driven by the SDGs**

Communicate the local efforts for SDGs towards the world

Shizuoka-City and Kitakyushu-City, as “SDGs Future City”, appealed their efforts to achieve SDGs at the side event of HLPF.

**3. Empowerment next generations and women**

Communicate Japan’s efforts on empowerment of the next generation and women

The government of Japan communicated Japan’s efforts toward achieving SDGs based on three key areas of “Extended SDGs Action Plan 2018” at the panel discussion on G20 and SDGs. In particular, the GoJ expressed Japan’s determination to lead human resource development, especially empowerment of next generation and women, as a host country of next year’s G20 and TICAD. The GoJ also exchanged views on the efforts of next generation on SDGs with other panelists such as Y20.