Japan’s Efforts for Achieving the SDGs

Creating a prosperous and vibrant future by seeking the SDGs

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Japan’s active contribution to the discussion and negotiation of SDGs

- Japan actively contributed to various dialogues even before the international community's discussion became fully in progress.
  - Japan organized policy dialogues (2011-2013), side event at the UN General Assembly (In September 2013, Prime Minister Abe and Foreign Minister Affairs Kishida attended) etc.

- During the SDGs negotiation process, Japan actively sought to incorporate the concept of human security and incorporated development agendas that Japan attaches importance on.
  - (education, women, health, quality infrastructure, disaster risk reduction (DRR) etc)

Establishment of the SDGs Promotion Headquarters

- At the Summit where the SDG 2030 agenda was adopted, Prime Minister Abe expressed Japan’s determination to fully implement the SDGs.
- The Gov established the SDGs Promotion Headquarters in May 2016, headed by Prime Minister Abe, to ensure a whole-of-government approach to implement the 2030 Agenda in a comprehensive and effective manner and worked on the SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles.
- Established the SDGs Promotion Roundtable Meeting where a wide range of stakeholders (government, NGOs / NPOs, experts, private sectors, international organizations, various organizations, etc.) gather and exchange opinions.
Established the SDGs Promotion Headquarters led by PM and participated by all ministers

Stipulated Japan’s “SDGs Promotion Guiding Principles” at the 2nd meeting

Created the Japan SDGs Award at the 3rd meeting

Announced “SDGs Action Plan 2018” at the 4th meeting and held the 1st SDGs Award ceremony

Decided “Expanded SDGs Action Plan 2018” at the 5th meeting

Announced “SDGs Action Plan 2019” at the 6th meeting and held the 2nd SDGs Award ceremony

Decided “Expanded SDGs Action Plan 2019” At the 7th meeting

Will revise those “Guiding Principles”

Will achieve the SDGs by 2030

At G7 Ise-Shima Summit
Committed to implement the SDGs domestically/internationally as the first G7 Summit after the SDGs adoption

At the HLPF (Ministerial-level)
Presented Japan’s Voluntary National Review (VNR)

At the HLPF (Ministerial-level) in July, 2018

G20 Summit and TICAD 7 held in Japan in 2019

SDG Summit in September, 2019

Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020

Osaka Kansai Expo 2025
1. **Promotion of Society 5.0 that corresponds to the SDGs**

- **Japan as a strong exponent of the SDGs based on the concept of “Human Security”:** lead the global endeavor and assist countries and people around the world to realize societies where “no one is left behind.”
- **Japan’s SDGs Model:** share and expand “Japan’s SDGs Model” domestically and internationally by taking advantage of the G20 Osaka Summit, TICAD7 and the SDG Summit, and revise the “SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles.”

### SDGs in Business
- "The Guide for SDG Business Management" based on SDGs Business Promotion Initiative, guidance about TCFD
- Supporting efforts of small and medium-sized enterprises
- Setting international standards for SDGs related business

### Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for SDGs
- The G20 “Guiding Principles for the Development of STI for SDGs Roadmaps”
- STI for SDGs Platform
- Human resource development in STI field

### Regional Revitalization driven by the SDGs

#### Regional Revitalization
- SDGs FutureCity, Regional Revitalization SDGs Public-Private Partnership Platform, Regional Revitalization SDGs Finance
- Promotion of SDGs at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, and 2025 Osaka Kansai Expo

#### Sound Material-Cycle Society
- Realization of Circulating and Ecological Economy
- Long-term Strategy under the Paris Agreement
- Human resource development in Disaster Risk Reduction (provide assistance for 85,000 people from 2019 to 2022)

### Empowering Next Generations and Women

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- The SDGs Promotion Platform for the Next Generation
- Commitment at WAW!/W20 (provide quality education for over 4 million girls in developing countries from 2018 to 2020)

#### Education and Health
- Promote UHC and contribute to global health issues including through Global Fund
- "Education x Innovation" Initiative (assist 9 million people in developing countries from 2019 to 2021)

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### SDGs

- **G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration**
- **Osaka Update on the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
- **Guiding Principles for the Development of STI for SDGs Roadmaps**
- **Osaka Comprehensive Accountability Report on G20 Development Commitments**

### Quality Infrastructure

- **G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment**
  → Set out 6 principles as a strategic direction
- **G20 Compendium of Good Practices for Promoting Integrity and Transparency in Infrastructure Development**

### Disaster Risk Reduction

- **Side Event of the G20 DWG: Prospects on Achieving Disaster Risk Reduction Agenda**
  → Reaffirmed the importance of mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and pre-disaster investment

### Marine Plastic Litter

- **Osaka Blue Ocean Vision**
  → Aim to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050
- **G20 Implementation Framework for Actions on Marine Plastic Litter**
  → Facilitate concrete actions on marine plastic litter by G20 countries

### Climate Change

- **G20’s action-oriented common understanding based on virtuous cycle of environment and growth**
  → Promote climate actions at all levels with broad participation, including by non-state actors

### Empowerment of Women

- Emphasized the importance of key issues including women’s labor participation, girls and women’s education and support for women entrepreneurs
- **Women at Work in G20 countries: Progress and policy action**
- **Leaders’ Special Event on Women’s Empowerment**

### Education

- **G20 Initiative on Human Capital Investment for Sustainable Development**
  → Strengthen efforts to provide quality education for creating inclusive, resilient and innovative societies

### Health

- **G20 Shared Understanding on the Importance of UHC Financing in Developing Countries**
  → Accelerate global efforts to promote UHC

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The 2nd Japan SDGs Award

Outline

• Companies, local governments and CSOs making outstanding efforts, either domestically or internationally, to achieve SDGs are eligible for the Award.
• The SDGs Promotion Headquarters decided award winners based on the opinions of a wide-range of stakeholders who have expertise in the SDGs.
• Selection criteria are universality, inclusiveness, participation, integration, and transparency and accountability, which are the main principles of the "SDGs Implementation Guidelines" stipulated by the Headquarters.
• The Award ceremony took place at the Prime Minister’s Office on Dec. 21, 2018.

Winners

Chief’s Award (by Prime Minister)
◆ Japan Food Ecology Center, INC. (Building new business model through reducing food loss.)

Deputy-chiefs’ Award (by Chief Cabinet Secretary)
◆ Japanese Consumers' Co-operative (Promoting “ethical consumption” through providing such products.)
◆ Osaki-town, Kagoshima (Building sustainable local community through recycling.)
◆ La Barca Group (Employing persons with disabilities for confectionary making.)

Deputy-chiefs’ Award (by Foreign Minister)
◆ LIXIL Corporation (Improving hygienic environment of developing countries by supplying low-cost toilets.)
◆ AIDS Orphan Support NGO PLAS (Supporting AIDS orphans in developing countries.)
◆ KAIHO Industry Co., Ltd. (Environmental-friendly car recycling business in developing countries.)

Special Award (SDGs Partnership Award)
8 organizations including private companies, school, hospital and media were awarded Special Award.

The UN Secretary-General’s Message to the Award ceremony

In the message, the UNSG extended his congratulations to the winners of this year’s SDG awards, having the initiative to become agents of change in their communities and to inspire and encourage others around the world.