

**Japan Statement for the High-Level Meeting on the Ten-year  
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**1. Introduction**

Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,  
10 years ago, we set a common goal in the information society for everyone, and toward that common goal, we have worked together.

As a result, we recognize that the common vision of a people-centered, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society is being significantly achieved. This is because of the cooperation among governments, the private sector, civil society, academia and all stakeholders.

Japan sincerely welcomes the outcome document to be adopted. And, I would like to express my respect to the efforts made by the Co-Facilitators and all those who worked so hard to bring this process forward.

Today, I would like to comment on 3 important points.

**2. Importance of Technological Innovations**

The first point is technological innovations. The spread of the internet, especially in mobile communications have progressed more than we expected, and contributed to the achievement of our common vision.

The harnessing of ICTs has limitless possibilities in the future. For

example, fields of global warming, healthcare, education and disaster prevention.

We welcome the emphasis on harnessing the potential of ICTs to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In addition, we reaffirm the WSIS's fundamental principles of drawing real benefits from ICTs are still valid and of vital importance. They include bridging the digital divide, access to information, capacity building, ensuring security, importance of media and ensuring cultural diversity.

We should value an idea of open innovation to enhance the technological innovations and then reconfirm our mission to help people all over the world enjoy the benefits, as soon as possible.

### 3. Importance of Information & Communication

The second point is the importance of information. As a result of the evolution and diffusion of ICTs, the information distributed around the world has exponentially increased recently

The important point is to achieve an environment where all people can access every item of information easily without anyone being left behind by developing communication infrastructures, ensuring accessibility and improving literacy.

When we think about a solution of global challenges, it will become more and more important in the future that we should continue to vitalize the distribution of information with quality and quantity, both domestically and internationally, and ensure free flow of information. In this regard, we welcome the recognition to be made in the

outcome document regarding the importance of free flow of information and knowledge.

#### 4. Importance of Multi-Stakeholder Approach

Thirdly, we need to mention the multi-stakeholder approach, which has made progress in the last decade. We have discussed and shared experiences and knowledge about Internet governance and other important issues on various places including IGF. Accordingly, we have strengthened multi-stakeholder cooperation, which is certainly a great progress and doesn't work only by governments.

We need to continue to address global challenges toward the common goal with all stakeholders. At this point, we do welcome the outcome document in which we reaffirm the importance of the multi-stakeholder approach.

#### 5. Conclusion

Lastly, we believe the active use of ICTs is essential for solving global challenges like poverty and hunger, education, gender equality, healthcare, environment protection, aging societies and disaster reduction and so on.

A globally connected space which brings all humans and things together on the earth is emerging for the first time in human history. The wisdom of humankind now is being tested regarding how to utilize the space for the prosperity of humankind.

To achieve this, we would like to reiterate that all stakeholders' cooperation is of vital importance.

Finally, we, the government of Japan, as one of the stakeholders, will

continue to put forth its best possible efforts, together with all stakeholders, to implement the WSIS outcomes.