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Thank you, Chair

1 The government of Japan highly appreciates the efforts of Ms. Zita Albacea, Executive Director, Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute, the chair of the third and fourth Meeting of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific, and the Director of SIAP for managing important issues. We would like to support the activities of the Network of which SIAP is acting as secretariat.

2 The training resource database development that Japan is supporting is under construction so that it can be launched in January 2019. Active data provision and utilization by each country are essential for this database to contribute to information sharing among statistical training institutes.

3 Regarding the accreditation of training courses, there are many issues to consider, such as its definition, pros and cons, and accreditation procedures, and there are also many points that are considered challenging. Also, in view of the progress of current activities of the network, the range of activities should not be easily expanded. Information sharing on feasible statistical training should be preferentially promoted. The accreditation of the courses should be carried out, according to respective country's situation, in cooperation with relevant domestic organizations.