

Seventh Session of ESCAP Committee on Statistics Country Intervention/Statement of JAPAN on Agenda Item 3 (a)

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Progress made in support of the collective vision and framework for action by groups responsible for regional initiatives of the Committee on Statistics and by the secretariat

Documentation

- Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: progress in implementing regional initiatives with respect to the collective vision and framework for action(ESCAP/CST/2020/2)
- Reports of the 8th and 9th meetings of the Steering Group for the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/4)
- Report of the 2nd meeting of the Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics (ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/5)
- Report of the 6th meeting of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/6)
- Progress in implementing the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics (ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/7)
- Reports of the 4th and 5th meetings of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/8)

Country Intervention/Statement

<With regards to the comments from the electronic consultations>

Due to the time limitation for intervention, I would limit our comments that I did not include in the electronic consultations.

I think secretariat should include countries comments from electronic consultations to decisions of the Committee and the report which will be adopted in the item 8 appropriately.

< With regards to the paragraph 72 of ESCAP/CST/2020/2>

As the host country of SIAP, we have continued to contribute to the commitments outlined in Action Area E (skills and human resources). As noted in the report, we recognize that programs related to this area contribute to various

other action areas.

The long-term courses mentioned in paragraph 72, (c) and (d) of the report were to be implemented this month in cooperation between SIAP and JICA in Japan. Through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we received many participation requests from Afghanistan, the Cook Islands, India, Indonesia, Iran, Mongolia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic prevented the courses from starting on schedule. We are currently in the process of coordinating with JICA in order to conduct these long-term courses between January and March 2021. We intend to inform each country as soon as the final decision is confirmed.

Regardless, as indicated in Action Area E of the Collective Vision, we will continue to contribute to SIAP in order to promote efforts related to issues in human resource development.

< *With regards to ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/8* >

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

The training resource database whose development Japan has supported was launched in January 2019. We would like each country to continue actively providing data and utilizing this database in order to contribute to information sharing among statistical training institutes.