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3. Regional initiatives (g) Gender statistics

- As for the proposed regional core set of gender indicators, Japan agrees to the endorsement because the core set will become the reference for developing gender statistics in Asia and the Pacific to advance gender equality and empower women.
- However, strengthening cooperation with the policy sector is required to improve implementation of the regional core set, because the proposed indicators include administrative data held in the policy sector other than data collected by the statistical surveys held in national statistical systems.
- It should be noted that, in Japan, a Cabinet decision has stipulated efforts to collect gender statistics since 2000, and we think a similar approach would be helpful.