

Japan

Agenda item 4 Global Initiatives: agricultural and rural statistics

Progress in implementing the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/11)

- 1 The Government of Japan fully comprehends the significance of improvement in agricultural and rural statistics in the ESCAP Region. The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan is supporting the work of the FAO regional office in Bangkok by dispatching experts to the office and engaging in the decision making process of the regional steering committee as a national member, as well as providing assistance with a focus on rice stocks and production to the Philippines and Thailand.

- 2 The training for agricultural and rural statistics is emphasized in the SIAP Strategic Plan. We appreciate the efforts made by the director of SIAP so far. SIAP is widely expected to play a certain role for the improvement of agricultural and rural statistics in the region. The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) of Japan is the cooperating agency to the SIAP, and it will support SIAP's training activities related to agricultural and rural statistics as much as possible. We also appreciate FAO and ADB providing their active support to SIAP as an important partner. We hope that FAO and ADB will continue collaboration with SIAP on conducting training effectively and efficiently.