

Japan

Agenda item 5 Coordination for statistics development

5(a) Report of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/12)

- 1 The Government of Japan highly appreciates the efforts of Australia and other countries as well as the chair of the Organizational Meeting of the Network and the director of SIAP for playing a key role in holding the initial meeting, and formulating its programme of work.

- 2 The SIAP is expected to serve as the secretariat of the Network despite its resource constraints, and to play a leading role in the respective subgroup. MIC of Japan, as the cooperating agency to SIAP, will continue to support the activities of SIAP as much as possible to ensure that it can carry out its proper training programmes smoothly. In addition, information sharing is indispensable to ensure effective coordination of training among the countries and international organizations. In this regard, we do hope that all members of the Network will continue to provide active cooperation for SIAP.

- 3 Moreover, regarding the subgroup for the training on agricultural and rural statistics, MAFF of Japan expects that the continued efforts to achieve the goal of the Regional Action Plan would be made and will also provide as much support to SIAP as possible.