

Japan

Agenda item 7 Reports brought to the attention of the Committee

7(b) Report of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific
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- 1 SIAP is becoming the hub of global statistical training as well as the ESCAP region thanks to the financial and human resource support from countries in the region and international organizations, since it was established in 1970, almost half a century ago.
- 2 First of all, the Government of Japan, as the host government to SIAP, highly appreciates the various support for SIAP including cash and in-kind contributions by the ESCAP members and associate members and international organizations. Japan would like to ask the members and associate members and international organizations for continued support for SIAP. In order to implement the SIAP programme smoothly, Japan will provide maximum support.
- 3 My second point concerns SIAP/JICA training courses, which are part of the SIAP training programme. As a result of a JICA needs survey for proposed training courses, a 4-month MDGs Course and a 6-week Inclusive Course will be conducted in 2015 through the efforts of the countries. In this regard, Japan pays respectful tribute to the secretariat of the ESCAP and the director of SIAP, for your great efforts in recommending the respective countries to set high priorities in the survey. We also express our sincere gratitude to the NSOs that communicated with the agencies in charge of technical cooperation in each country and requested them to give high priority to SIAP/JICA statistical training courses. This JICA needs survey will be conducted again in August this year. We would like to ask for your support to give high priorities to these courses just as in the last survey.
- 4 Lastly, the SIAP programme has been implemented ensuring alignment and collaboration with the ESCAP statistics programme based on the decisions and recommendations of the Commission and the Committee on Statistics. The contents of the report include the activities of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific, and emphasize training on agricultural and rural statistics and retaining the current reporting arrangements of the Governing Council. The report has been discussed and endorsed with the participation of 22 members and associate members. For this reason, Japan strongly requests that the Committee welcome and support the report. SIAP is operated on only cash contributions from the members and associate members. Therefore, the management of SIAP should be conducted by the members as owners of SIAP. We hope that the Committee will continue to support SIAP and its Governing Council, which reviews and endorses the administration and financial status of SIAP.