Japan’s efforts for promoting the SDGs in the context of WASH

Creating a prosperous and vibrant future through promoting the SDGs

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1. SDGs Promotion Headquarters
   - Headed by PM Abe, with all the Cabinet Members, to ensure a whole-of-government approach to implement the SDGs.

2. SDGs Action Plan
   - Compiled all the government’s measures that contribute to achieving the SDGs.
   - Make these measures link to the government’s budgetary process.

3. Japan SDGs Award
   - Awarded companies, local governments, schools, CSOs etc. that are making outstanding efforts to achieve SDGs.

4. G20 and TICAD7
   - Take leadership in promoting the SDGs in the international community, making use of the opportunities such as G20, TICAD7 and the SDGs Summit in NY.
Based on the “SDGs Action Plan 2019” building upon the basic three directions of Japan’s SDGs Model, which were set forth as a part of the “SDGs Action Plan 2018” at the 4th meeting December 2017, Japan will promote concrete efforts as follows.

(1) Promotion of Society 5.0 that corresponds to SDGs

- Supporting the efforts of small and medium-sized companies as well as SDGs business in developing countries.
- Promoting Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for SDGs by formulating the “STI Roadmap” and the “Guiding Principles”.

(2) Regional vitalization driven by the SDGs

- Promoting the SDGs in local areas through “SDGs Future City” and smart-agriculture, forestry and fisheries as well as hosting the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games and Osaka Kansai Expo 2025.
- Building Sound Material-Cycle Society through mainstreaming DRR and promoting quality infrastructure, measures against marine plastic debris and climate change.

(3) Empowerment of the next generations and women

- Empowering the next generations and women including setting up Japan Next-generation Platform for promoting the SDGs and holding WAW! and W20 back-to-back.
- Promoting UHC and international education cooperation in the international community.
- Implementing quality education at every stage from early childhood education to higher education in Japan.
Water Overview 1

- **WATER** is root of all lives.
- Ensuring safe drinking **WATER** is critical in light of human security.
- **WATER** is closely linked to other development areas such as agriculture (Goal 2), health (Goal 3), education (Goal 4), gender (Goal 5), energy (Goal 7) and biodiversity (Goal 14 & 15).
- **WATER** resources are unevenly distributed, which is hindering development and causing humanitarian crisis and regional conflicts.

WATER-related Goals in the SDGs

**Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (WASH)**
- 6.1 Access to safe and affordable drinking water
- 6.2 Access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene
- 6.3 Improve water quality
- 6.4 Increase water-use efficiency and sustainable supply of freshwater
- 6.5 Integrated water resource management
- 6.6 Protect and restore water-related ecosystems

**Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (Water and DRR)**
- 11.5 Reduce the number of deaths and people affected by disasters
Water Overview 2

Unevenly Distributed Freshwater Resources

Total renewable water resources per inhabitant in 2014 (m³/year)

Legend (m³/year)

- No Data
- < 500 [absolute water scarcity]
- 500 - 1 000 [chronic water scarcity]
- 1 000 - 1 700 [water stress]
- 1 700 - 5 000 [occasional or local water stress]
- > 5 000 [abundant water resources nationally, stress possible locally]

Source: AQUASTAT

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Japan’s efforts to Tackle Water Issues

**By Japanese Government (ODA)**
- Japan is the world-top donor in the field of water and sanitation and hygiene (WASH).
- Provided 6.1 billion dollars assistance in WASH from 2013 to 2017, and implemented high-quality assistance based on its technology, know-how and experiences.
- Provided contribution to UNICEF WASH projects

**By Japanese Private Sector**
- Japanese companies are also actively contributing to solving WASH problems through their business.