

Statement of Deputy Amb. Mr. Katayama at 63rd UN-Habitat CPR

Thank you Your Excellency Mr. Chair,

Excellences,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentleman,

Good morning.

The New Urban Agenda formulated in Ecuador during HABITAT III, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, was a great achievement. Japan is committed in working hand-in-hand with the UN-HABITAT and the international community to endorse balanced land development and planning to reinvigorate sustainable urbanization.

The Executive Director,

The Japanese Government has been greatly contributing to the UN-HABITAT Programmes at various levels, including the critical role that UN-HABITAT Fukuoka Office serves, not only for Asia and the Pacific as a regional hub, but also for Africa and Middle East in managing and implementing wide array of projects and activities.

The financial difficulties of the UN-HABITAT have become evident. Japan is seriously concerned of this situation and its effect to the implementation of New Urban Agenda. We expect to see actions for UN-HABITAT to overcome this challenge as soon as possible.

Thank you.