

【JAPAN】

[Agenda 4]

Japan welcomes starting the first session of executive board meeting, 2025.

Regarding the budgetary balance of the UN-Habitat, Japan would like to comment.

Non-earmarked budget balance was in deficit for a long time before achieving a surplus in 2022.

At the end of 2024, the budgetary balance was in surplus. Japan welcomes this effort and then expects UN-Habitat to make every effort to maintain a feasible and realistic budget, without returning to a deficit again.

I thank you.

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Japan is aware that the next strategic plan will focus on housing, land, and basic services, and then that the importance of spatial planning will be highlighted as a means of implementation.

Japan, in close collaboration with the Regional Office for Asia and Pacific Fukuoka, is promoting the Special planning platform, known as SPP. SPP is a platform to share knowledge on special planning at national and regional level with members.

This month, Japan's infrastructure ministry hosted SPP meeting, where regional director for ROAP Fukuoka gave a briefing on the draft strategic plan to participants.

All participants discussed the importance of spatial planning in addressing a range of issues including housing, land, and basic services.

From Asia and Pacific, Cambodia, Laos, and Nepal attended the last SPP meeting. Participants shared their challenges and their future visions.

Moreover, they shared the importance of data collection and analysis, and then they recognized the value of digital technologies.

The next strategic plan has been steadily discussed for the formulation. When the next strategic plan is formulated, Japan believes that SPP platform could contribute to the creation of spatial planning for more countries and regions.

Lastly, Japan's infrastructure ministry welcomes more countries and regions to join this SPP platform and benefit from this platform.

I thank you.