

Session 3

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Declaration Approval

**Japanese Government Statement at GEO Ministerial Summit
(Mexico City)**

November 13, 2015

Thank you, Chair.

I am honored to be here today and would like to express my deepest appreciation and highest regards to the Government of Mexico for hosting this Ministerial Summit.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Implementation Plan Working Group and all the contributors for their valuable efforts on drafting “GEO Strategic Plan”.

“GEO Strategic Plan” introduced today is facing the same direction as Japan’s policy. Our policy aims “Solution Focused Earth Observations” and subjects the issues on the earth and human beings such as Climate Change, ecosystem conservation, disaster risk reduction, food security, health, energy and mineral management and water management.

Chair, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen. Japan is pleased to support the endorsement of “GEO Strategic Plan” and the Mexico City Declaration.

Thank you for your attention.

Session 4

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**Ministers' Discussion and Proposals
for Upcoming GEO Activities
to be Planned in 2016-2025 and the
Implementation of GEOSS**

**Japanese Government Statement at GEO Ministerial Summit
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Thank you, Chair.

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I would like to state Japan's efforts for the development of the GEOSS.

(Situation surrounding GEOSS)

In response to the global challenges, the international society has achieved important progress such as the "Sendai Framework" and the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" this year.

But in order to make these international efforts truly effective, the sharing and use of earth observation data and information are essential. And for this, the role of GEOSS is becoming increasingly important.

(Japan's contributions in the coming decade)

Japan is one of the strongest proponents of GEOSS, and has state-of-the-art science and technology. Japan will actively contribute in the following three areas during the next 10 years.

First, to help solve these global challenges, Japan will acquire earth observation data and share them globally.

Specifically, we will develop, launch, and operate new satellites such as "GOSAT-2", which will contribute to the monitoring of greenhouse gas, and "GCOM-C", which will help to understand the climate change mechanisms.

We will also be positively engaged in the observation of the polar regions, deep seas, and eco-systems. We will promote in-situ observations of key areas, and continue to connect the Data Integration and Analysis System (DIAS) to the GCI.

Second, we will promote the further utilization of earth observation data for solving global challenges.

For this, we will upgrade the functions of DIAS to convert earth observation data into information that will most benefit the society as well as the scientific community.

Moreover, we will utilize earth observation data for water resource management, food security, biodiversity, carbon circulation observation, natural disaster monitoring, and so on.

Third, we will seek to expand and promote GEOSS globally. For example, we will continue to hold the GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposiums together with regional partners.

(Conclusion)

In the coming decade, we will be entering a new phase for deepening cooperation within the international community and with stakeholders to carry out earth observations for solving global challenges and to further develop and implement GEOSS.

In order to build a sustainable society, let us move forward together hand in hand.

Thank you very much.