Policy Statement from Japan

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude and regards to ITU Secretary-General Dr. Hamadoun Touré and the members of the ITU Secretariat, other International Organizations, and other stake holders.

It is a great honor for me to be here in Geneva to participate in the WSIS+10 High Level Event as a speaker.

Firstly, I would like to mention how the world has changed since the WSIS process.

As compared to the situation at the time of WSIS 2003 in Geneva and WSIS 2005 in Tunis, considerable changes have been brought to ICT.

The first change is in the development of mobile communications, such as the spread of mobile phones and smartphones. And the second change is in the spread of the Internet.

When we look at Japan, we could give the development of mobile broadband and personalization which was brought by it as characteristics.

In Japan, we have advanced measures for securing ICT utilization corresponding with the changes in the ICT environment.

In addition, in light of the Great East Japan Earthquake on 11 March 2011, Japan again recognized the importance of measures against disasters.

In the wake of the Earthquake, communication means were lost because of blackout, destruction of infrastructure, and, in addition, total paralysis of telecommunication networks caused by communication traffic congestion.

Based on this experience, Japan has promoted measures such as research and development of resilient and congestion-resistant networks, measures in securing emergency power systems including securing fuel, using cloud services by local governments, sharing and offering information through social media services.

While we have achieved significant achievements in these 10 years, we could also point out issues which remain to be achieved and issues which have emerged in these 10 years.

Especially, ensuring security and protecting privacy have become more important with the increase of personal access brought by the development of mobile and social media as well as utilization and application of cloud computing and big data.

In addition, Japan believes that the application of ICT will contribute to solving challenges on a global scale, especially in the fields of environment, energy and disaster prevention etc. and Japan will actively tackle those challenges through utilization and application of ICT.

Japan believes that we should further advance the WSIS process in light of the unsolved challenges and the newly emerging issues.

Therefore Japan expects that the WSIS+10 High Level Event will be a good basis for this.

Thank you for your attention.