

National commitments and pledges for the promotion and protection of human rights

All relevant government agencies have been implementing the obligations stipulated in the international human rights instruments. Japan continues to enhance the following measures and its dialogue with civil society:

1 Gender equality

Adoption of the Fourth Basic Plan for Gender Equality towards “a society in which all women shine”

2 Support for persons with disabilities

Firm implementation of various national laws legislated or modified towards the conclusion of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

3 Children

Implementation of “Comprehensive measures to eliminate child pornography”, the “Act on Regulation and Punishment of Acts Relating to Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and the Protection of Children” and measures addressing child poverty

4 Older people

Promotion of measures regarding employment stability and prevention of abuse against older people

5 Combating trafficking in persons

Formulation of “2014 Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons”

6 Indigenous peoples

Promotion of comprehensive and effective policy measures for the Ainu people

7 Leprosy

Implementation of measures regarding the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and designation of “Goodwill Ambassador for the Human Rights of Persons Affected by Leprosy”



JAPAN

Candidate for the Human Rights Council 2017-2019



Japan's basic human rights policies

Japan has developed policies for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms as universal values.

Japan is committed to promoting resolutions of human rights issues or the improvement of human rights situations, and contributing to world peace, stability and prosperity more actively.

International commitments and pledges for the promotion and protection of human rights

1 Conclusion of international human rights instruments and their continued honest implementation

Japan honestly has implemented the obligations of international human rights instruments that Japan has concluded. In addition, Japan has newly concluded the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities after the establishment of related national laws. Japan will duly continue to follow up on the recommendations it has received by each human rights treaty body.

2 Contribution to the international community such as the United Nations

Active involvement in activities of the Human Rights Council (HRC)

Japan has taken an active role in the HRC during its membership and has taken the initiative in the adoption of HRC resolutions such as the Resolution on the Situation of Human Rights in the DPRK, the Resolution on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia and the Resolution on the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy. Japan will continue to contribute positively to HRC activities including Special Procedures and the UPR sessions and to participate in discussion regarding the review of the HRC.

Contribution to the work of the General Assembly of the United Nations or other international fora

Japan has led international discussions particularly in areas of human security, women and disaster prevention. Japan will continue concrete measures towards the goals in each area and take leadership continuously through organization of the World Assembly for Women (WAW!), among others.

3 Promotion of bilateral human rights dialogues

Japan has held bilateral dialogues and consultations on human rights with the governments of more than 10 countries, attaching great importance to “dialogue and cooperation”. Japan has contributed to the efforts of each country towards the resolution of human rights issues through these dialogues.

4 Development cooperation

Japan has contributed to the improvement of human rights situations also through continuous support from the point of view of the “Promotion of Human Security”, which is a guiding principle of the Development Cooperation Charter. Japan firmly has been realizing its commitment of assistance in the areas of health, women, education, disaster prevention, persons with disabilities, peacebuilding, etc. Moreover, Japan continues to cooperate in activities undertaken by UN organizations, such as OHCHR, UNHCR, UNDP, UNICEF and UN Women, which lead to the protection and promotion of human rights.



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