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### 1. MIWDAP2020 (The MIC World Development Action Plan 2020)

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) formulated a basic policy on Japan’s institutional and business expansion in the world for the future on April 30, 2020. Then MIC made its Action Plan of support for development 2020, which defines specific actions to be taken.

MIC has been supporting the global expansion of Japanese businesses in a wide range of fields, such as the fields of ICT, postal system, digital government, statistics, fire services, and administrative counseling systems. Then it has been solving various global issues, including measures against novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). By utilizing Japan’s innovative technology and high-quality services, Japan will be able to contribute further to solving global issues, including the achievement of the SDGs set by the United Nations. From these perspectives, MIC will make full use of its policy resources to contribute to the further development of the world.

### 2. Basic Philosophy: MIC’s Five Principles of World Development

MIC has established the following five principles that will serve as MIC’s basic philosophy to exercise its comprehensive strengths in diplomatic arena sufficiently.

Principle 1: Promotion of SDGs

Principle 2: Enhancement of global competitiveness

Principle 3: Promotion of Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT)

Principle 4: Realization of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) Strategy

Principle 5: Total Mobilization of Policy Resources

### 3. Priority Promotion Projects for the Next Three Years- Selection of Twenty (20) Projects

To effectively use the limited policy resources, it is necessary to keep the five principles of world development in mind and focus on and promote initiatives with consideration of country- and region-specific fields in combination.

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Therefore, first, MIC has set three perspectives: (1) Promotion of international cooperation toward the achievement of the SDGs, (2) Enhancement of global competitiveness, and (3) Promotion of international digital strategy. Based on these three points, MIC selected 20 initiatives as Twenty (20) Projects from the major fields, including the fields of digital infrastructure, digital utilization, and public service improvements.

For these projects, MIC will focus policy resources over the next three years and will continue to strengthen and follow up on the projects.

### - Further Enhancement of Initiatives based on Measures against COVID-19

The Extraordinary G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting held as a video conference on April 30, 2020, where an urgent ministerial statement was issued to counter the spread of the infection under reinforced cooperation.

Based on the statement, for the time being, MIC will focus on and promote measures that are considered to contribute to counter the infectious disease.

Examples of specific efforts are as follows:

- 1) Improvements in Internet connectivity by digital infrastructure reinforcement
  - a) Construction of a stratospheric platform
  - b) Support for the development of a broadband communications network
- 2) Promotion of data utilization that protects and ensures people’s privacy and security (Cooperation by providing tools for analyzing human flow data)
- 3) Promoting the utilization of digital technologies, such as telemedicine and telework
  - a) Expansion in the world of the telemedicine system
  - b) Survey of advanced cases of initiatives, such as telework