

PREFACE

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The present edition includes “New Directions in the Development of Government Statistical Services”, which was decided as an official agreement of the Meeting of the Heads of the Statistical Departments of the Cabinet Office and Ministries in June 2003. The “New Directions” is a guideline for the development of government statistical services in Japan for coming 5 to 10 years.

We will be pleased if this publication is of any help to the readers’ future activities and the promotion of international cooperation in statistical areas.

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