

Measures for improving and developing Official Statistics in Japan

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1. Our organization's role

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Our Missions

1

To promote the development and improvement of statistics in Japan by ensuring the consistency and coherence of Official Statistics of Japan and enhancing its relevance through coordination among ministries and agencies producing statistics

2

To contribute to economic development and improvement of quality of life by promoting the provision of statistical data as fundamental information needed in public administration and activities of people at large

- For achieving our mission, we are cooperating with various agencies , statistical users and The Statistics Commission

2. Fundamental views for Official Statistics development

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Statistics Act was fully revised in 2007

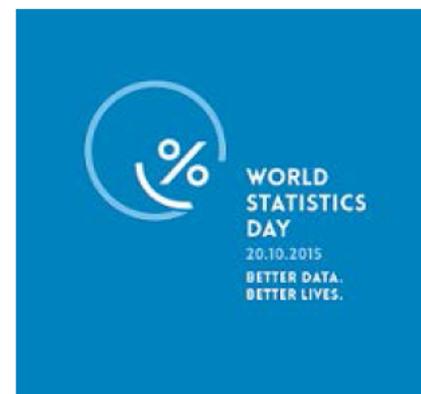
- Official Statistics is vital information for the citizens in their reasonable decision making
- Official Statistics contributes to the development of
 - (1) the national economy
 - (2) improvement of the living standards of the citizens
- It reflects the ideals of the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

2. Fundamental views for Official Statistics development

“Statistics for all”

- This is the basic idea of Official Statistics in Japan
 - the same idea of the motto of the United Nations,

“Better Data, Better Lives.”



3. Current measures for the Master Plan

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Master Plan

Concerning the Development of Official Statistics

- The Statistics Act states
 - the government shall establish a Master Plan Concerning the Development of Official Statistics in order to promote measures comprehensively and systematically for the development of official statistics

3. Current measures for the Master Plan

Master Plan

Concerning the Development of Official Statistics

Deliberation by the Statistics Commission

- Master Plan concerning the Development of Official Statistics etc
- The progress of the governmental plan is also discussed at the Statistics Commission every fiscal year



the Statistics Commission

3. Current measures for the Master Plan

Master Plan

Concerning the Development of Official Statistics

<Basic Policy>

- a) To secure and improve compatibility between statistics
- b) To secure and improve international comparability of statistics
- c) To adapt to the changes in economic and social environment

etc

<Specific Measures>

- Improvement of each type of statistics:
 - (a) economy-related statistics
 - (b) statistics related to population and society, and labor
 - (c) statistics according to field, such as environment and tourism
- Statistical data provision widely for the citizens by expanding the functions of the Portal Site of Official Statistics of Japan (e-stat), easing the use conditions in tailor-made tabulations, etc
- Measures for improvement of statistical literacy
- Active international cooperation and contributions
- These measures (107 items) have been promoted

4. Statistical dissemination and statistical literacy raising

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“Statistics with all”

- It's a policy in Official Statistics in Japan
- It means Statistics must be produced in close cooperation between producers and respondents



政府統計

The Official Statistics logo(decided in 2012)

- used in all statistical surveys' papers
- confirming
 - (1) the authenticity of Official Statistics surveys”
 - (2) that the government is taking every measure for privacy protection

4. Statistical dissemination and statistical literacy raising

● Outline of specific measures

1 Promotion of the public understanding of Statistics

P.R. events centered on “Statistics Day”

- (1) The National Statistical Convention (1950-)
- (2) The Symposium on Official Statistics
- (3) The National Competition of Graphic Statistics

2 Conducting training for people involved in education

Training sessions for statistical teachers (1991-)

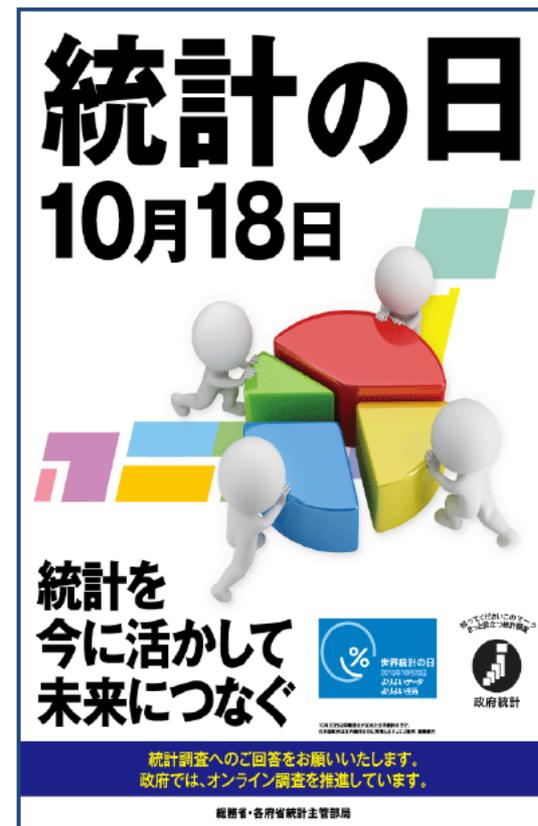
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P.R. events centered on “Statistics Day”

● Every 18th Oct is
“Statistics Day”

- A variety of events are held nationwide

This year's Promotion Poster



4. Statistical dissemination and statistical literacy raising

The National Statistical Convention (1950-)

● Awards and Prizes in Statistics for

- excellent statistical enumerators engaged in the service for many years
- the National Competition of Graphic Statistics prize winners
- the Statistics Day Slogan Competition prize winners
- Ohuchi prize for people having made significant contribution

4. Statistical dissemination and statistical literacy raising

The National Statistical Convention 2015 Official awards for statistical enumerators



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The National Statistical Convention 2015

Official awards for the National Competition of Graphic Statistics prize winners



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The National Statistical Convention (1950-)

The Statistics day's slogan for FY2015

「統計を 今に活かして 未来につなぐ」

“Statistics serves now,
and bridge to the better future”

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The Symposium on Official Statistics

- Theme for 2015 “Utilization of results for the 2015 Population Census”



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The National Competition of Graphic Statistics

- By Statistical Information Institute for Consulting and Analysis (Sinfonica)
- To raise awareness of the importance of using and producing statistics
- To promote statistical thinking and better understanding of statistics among people at large
- There were around 26,000 submissions

Award-winning works are displayed
in the foyer just outside of this hall !
Please look at them.

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Training sessions for statistical teachers (1991-)

- Training sessions mainly for teachers who provide statistical education for children and students
- To understand the importance of statistics and gain practical teaching methods
- 2 sessions in Tokyo, 5 sessions in outside in FY2015
- We are planning to make new training materials by the end of this fiscal year



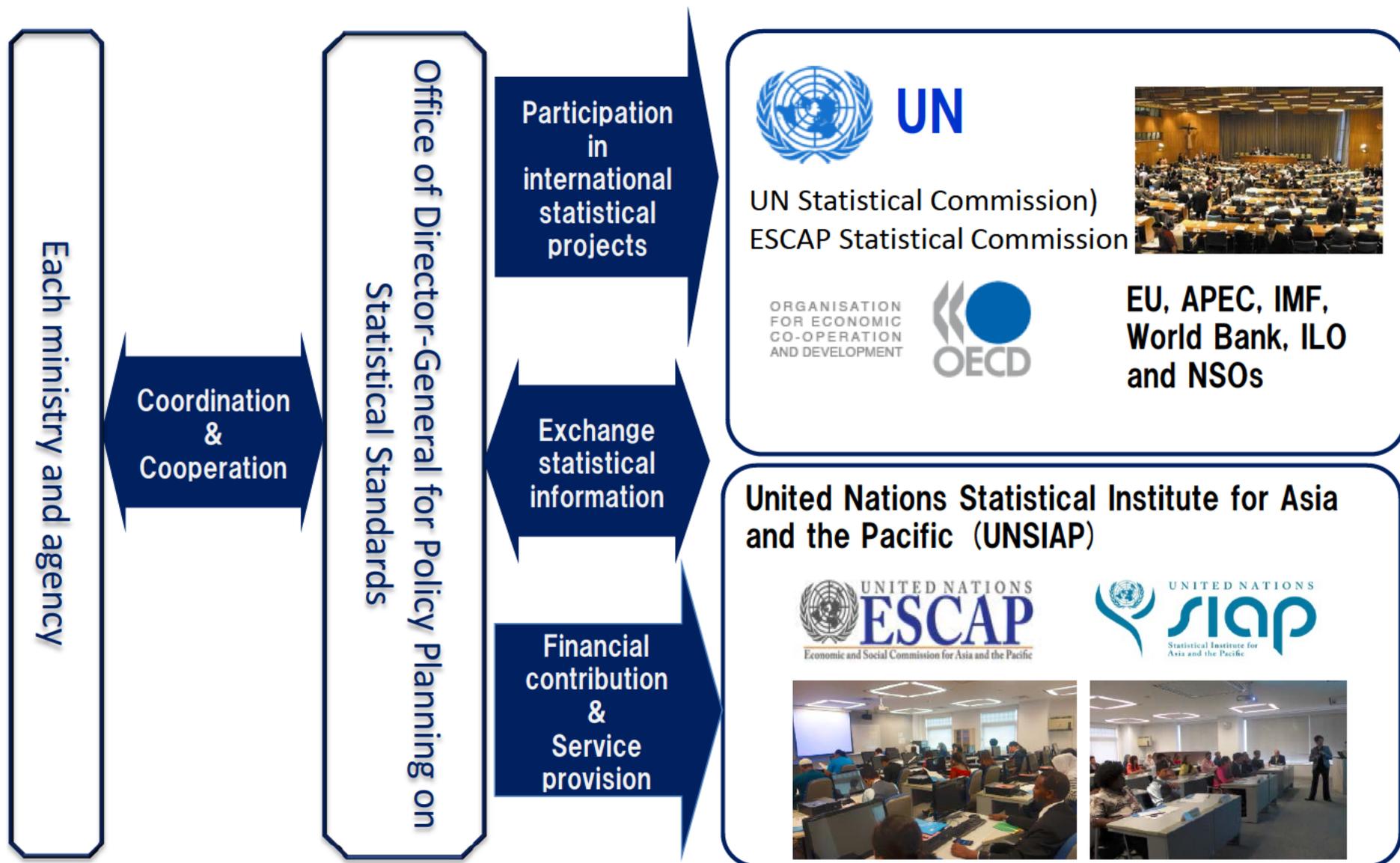
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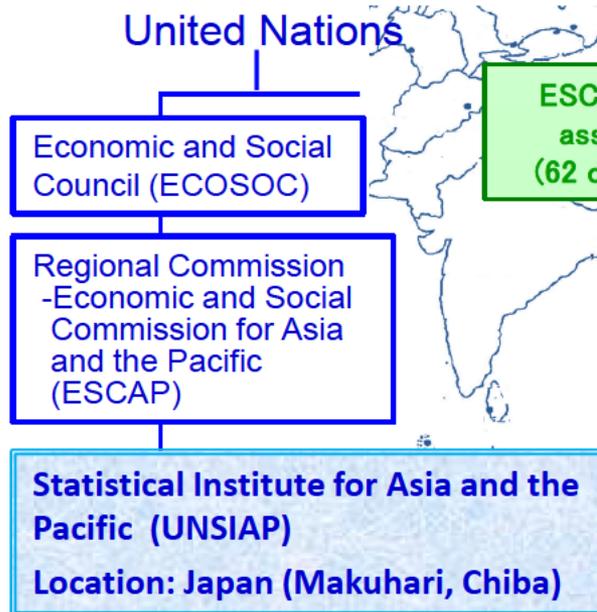


5. International cooperation and contribution for statistical capacity building

United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UNSIAP)

1. Status

The only statistical training institute for government officials in the United Nations



2. Results of Training, cooperation by Japan (MIC)

Dispatch participants,
Financial contribution,
etc.

ESCAP members and
associate members
(62 countries or areas)

UN
SIAP

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Training Courses

Conducting 20 courses / year
including MDGs indicators course
(4 months with capacity for 30)

14,789 participants from 130 countries or
areas as of 31 March 2015
Many ex-participants became heads of NSOs,
such as in Bhutan, Viet Nam, Lao P.D.R., Nepal,
Fiji, Tonga, etc.

A great contribution to statistical development in other countries has been made through UNSIAP, by introducing Japan's world-class statistical system with high accuracy and reliability.

Highly esteemed from overseas
At the 71st session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (May 2015), there were compliments for UNSIAP about the importance of its training, etc., and high appreciation for the support by Japan.





5. International cooperation and contribution for statistical capacity building

MIC's cooperation and expected roles of UNSIAP

● Outline of cooperation by MIC

1. Financial contribution

: approx. ¥200 million (\$1.8 million), FY2015

(approx. 80% of financial contributions for UNSIAP from member countries, etc.)

2. In-kind contribution

(provision of an office building, facilities, etc.)

: approx. ¥100 million (\$1 million) , FY2015

3. Service provision

: dispatch 10 staff members (as of Dec. 2015)

5. International cooperation and contribution for statistical capacity building

Situation surrounding statistics and expected roles of UNSIAP

- The Sep. 2015, Post 2015 Development Agenda, adopted the new UN development agenda
 - *Numbers of SDGs goals and targets have been increased compared to MDGs. (goals: 8 to 17, targets: 21 to 169)
- Indicators for monitoring SDGs are being reviewed at the UN Statistical Commission
- Importance of global capacity building will be increased in the future
- MIC will contribute to global capacity building by continuing and enhancing cooperation for UNSIAP

In conclusion...

For development, improvement and progress of Official Statistics, we are taking many measures Now and will continue to take more and more

“Better Statistics”



“Better Lives”

Thank you for your attention!