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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: The rule of law is the foundation for protecting human rights and human dignity. Japan has long been supporting the development of legal and judicial systems in developing countries by assisting the drafting of basic laws and regulations, the establishment of judicial institutions for effective implementation of laws, and capacity building of legal professionals through organizations including UNAFEI and JICA. Japan uses a tailor-made approach considering each country's social and cultural values and institutions, based on its modernization experience. Japan will continue to supporting stronger legal and judicial systems and better law enforcement through its "Justice Affairs Diplomacy" initiative. (99 words)

Sector and Rights-holders: Judges, lawyers and prosecutors

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: In order to address issues of foreign workers under the Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) and Specified Skilled Worker System (SSWS), the Government of Japan entrusted an Advisory Panel of Experts on Ideal Form of TITP and SSWS to review the scheme. Based on the final report issued by the Advisory Panel, the Government will work on formulating a renewed program aimed at securing and developing human resources. Japan will continue to do its utmost towards an inclusive society and to protect human rights. (84 words)

Sector and Rights-holders: Non-citizens, Migrants

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: In response to urgent human rights and humanitarian needs, Japan decided to additionally provide approximately 1 million USD to OHCHR from the supplementary budget of Fiscal Year 2023. The contribution aims at improving human rights situations through projects including training and capacity building of judicial and law enforcement personnel as well as collection and documentation of data regarding the human rights situations in Yemen and Sudan. Japan will continue to cooperate with OHCHR in various ways to promote and protect human rights across the world. (85 words)

Sector and Rights-holders: Children in vulnerable situations (abused, living on the street, institutionalized, indigenous, migrant children etc.); Civil society; Human rights defenders & activists; Internally displaced persons; Judges, lawyers and prosecutors; Law enforcement / police & prison officials; Persons affected by armed conflict; Refugees & asylum seekers; Vulnerable persons/groups; Women & girls.