



## Japanese Environment Minister Sakihito OZAWA's statement

We have come to Copenhagen to agree on a framework to address climate change in an efficient manner. This framework has to include: greenhouse gas emissions reduction by all major countries' participation, and a supporting scheme for developing countries, in particular, adaptation measures by developing countries vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

In order to avoid serious impacts of climate change, the global average temperature should not be above 2 degree Celsius compared to pre-industrial time. For this goal, global emissions need to peak-out as soon as possible, and be reduced at least by 50 percent by 2050.

For this purpose, Japan takes the lead in reduction efforts. A mid-term reduction target which Japan has announced is a 25 percent reduction by 2020 if compared to the 1990 level. Japan's commitment is premised on establishment of a fair and effective post-2012 framework with participation of all major countries and their agreement of ambitious reduction targets by all the major countries. This target is very challenging for Japan, since we have already achieved a very high level of energy efficiency. Therefore, we will deliver on this promise by mobilizing all available policies and measures.

Yesterday, I announced that under the "Hatoyama Initiative" Japan will provide financial assistance to developing countries with 15 billion US dollars for three years up to 2012 including public and private resources, of which public finance comprises 11 billion US dollars, upon the establishment of a new international framework which I already mentioned. Beyond 2012, Japan is determined to take appropriate actions, and is considering a mechanism to secure the financial resources.

Climate change also affects biodiversity. In October 2010, Japan will host the COP10 to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Nagoya. We are seeking synergy between climate change measures and biodiversity conservation.

In conclusion, I would like to cooperate with ministers gathering here in Copenhagen to achieve desirable outcomes that would be appreciated by our future generations. We have to make every effort in leading COP15 to the successful conclusion.

Finally, taking this opportunity, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Government of Denmark for their efforts to organize this important Conference and its warm hospitality.

Thank you for your listening.