Japan welcomes the draft of Global Action Plan and Monitoring Framework on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and accepts its contents. We recognize that appropriate and reliable implementation of IPC, including AMR and WASH, is an essential element for achieving universal health coverage, as it leads to the safety of patients and medical and nursing care workers. As the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR will be held this year, Japan also intends to actively participate in the discussions to take advantage of this opportunity to contribute to the momentum for IPC, including AMR countermeasures.

We are convinced that immunization is one of the most important preventive health measures available and responsible for saving many people. And Japan recognizes that Immunization Agenda 2030 is a crucial important global vision and strategy to promote the widespread use of vaccinations necessary to reduce mortality and morbidity from vaccine-preventable diseases for everyone throughout the life course. In order to achieve the Immunization Agenda 2030, each country should (1) secure the necessary budget for immunization programs, (2) ensure access to high-quality, effective and safe vaccines, and (3) promote awareness and understanding of vaccination among the public people.

Since the 1960s, Japan has diligently worked on strengthening our healthcare system, which is a vital foundation for achieving universal health coverage (UHC), focusing on surveillance, tuberculosis testing, and human resource development. As we confront new challenges, including aging populations and non-communicable diseases, we believe that sharing Japan’s insights can contribute significantly.

Moreover, the urgent need for innovative solutions in tuberculosis control was underscored during the UN High-Level Meeting in September 2023. Japan has been a steadfast contributor to drug and medical device development for tuberculosis. Notably, our portable X-ray technology enables remote tuberculosis testing, promising to enhance screening efforts worldwide. Through collaboration with international organizations, we remain committed to the global goal of ending tuberculosis.

Japan continues to invest in technical assistance, capacity building, and innovation. Our resolve remains unwavering—to contribute to the global goal of eradicating tuberculosis.