Donor Update by the Government of Japan
Mine Action Support Group Meeting
(October, 2014)

1. General Trend
(1) The total amount of Japan's assistance to Mine Action in the financial year 2013 (April 2013-March 2014) amounted to 52.3 million USD for 45 projects in 22 countries. The top recipients of mine action assistance in FY 2013 were Cambodia, Lao PDR, Libya and Afghanistan.
(2) The total amount of Japan's international assistance to Mine Action since 1998 has reached 582 million USD in 50 countries and regions.

2. Support to International Organizations
(1) UN-VTF: Japan contributed 13.4 million US dollars to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action (UN-VTF) to Libya, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Somalia, DR Congo and to the UNMAS headquarters coordination costs.
(2) UNICEF: Japan provided a total of 1.1 million USD for UNICEF towards Mine Risk Education in South Sudan, Mali, Chad, Syria and Yemen.

3. Bilateral Support
[Cambodia and Lao PDR]
Cambodia and Lao PDR became the top recipient of mine/UXO-action related funds from Japan in FY 2013, and received a total of over 24 million USD for 9 projects. These projects included supporting the governments of Cambodia and Lao PDR in implementing their mine action programs, grant aid to NGOs, dispatch of an UXO expert, equipment procurement, and a 3-year triangular cooperation project between CMAC and UXO Lao from 2012-2014. In this project Cambodia shares with Lao PDR expertise and knowledge on mine action with support by Japan.

[Sri Lanka]
With regard to Sri Lanka, where the 26 year-long conflict ended in 2009, the Government of Japan provided more than USD 1.9 million for 3 projects in FY 2013 in order to accelerate safe return and resettlement as well as demining activities for peace building in the northern part of Sri Lanka.

[Afghanistan]
The Government of Japan has contributed to mine clearance activities in Afghanistan since 1999. In FY 2013, the Government of Japan provided approximately USD 1.3 million for 2 mine clearance projects in which community participants and reintegrees were trained and hired as community-based deminers.