

**国際移住機関(IOM)70周年ハイレベルセグメント
「COVID-19 が国境、移民、移動性に与える影響：
教訓と将来への備え」**

**Impacts of Covid-19 on Borders, Migrants and Mobility: Lessons
and Preparedness for the Future
ステートメント案**

- I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to IOM on the 70th anniversary of its establishment and the 5th anniversary of its participation in the United Nations system. Japan joined IOM in 1993, and since then, Japan and IOM have cooperated closely in providing humanitarian and development assistance to address matters of migration and displacement in various parts of the world.
- Through its activities for over 70 years, IOM, as an international organization specializing in migration has become one of the leading UN aid agencies. This is a testimony to the trust IOM's sincere efforts have garnered, and I would like to express our appreciation for the leadership of Director General António Vitorino and for the work of IOM staff in the field.
- Human mobility around the world continues to be greatly affected by the spread of COVID-19.
- In this connection, Japan attaches great significance to ensuring equitable access to safe, effective and quality-assured vaccines, including in developing countries, and is strongly committed to achieving universal health coverage based on the principle of "leaving no one's health behind". In addition, Japan values human security, thus it is vital that vulnerable groups such as migrants and displaced people are not left behind.
- From this perspective, Japan has announced a contribution of 1 billion US dollars to the COVAX Facility. In addition, Japan has donated and delivered 30 million doses of vaccines and will provide up to around 60 million doses in total. In order to promote vaccination on the ground, an integrated system from transportation to administration is necessary. Going forward, Japan expects to see IOM leveraging its rich experience in these areas to play an increasingly important role in the response to the current and potential future pandemics.
- Furthermore, in 2021, Japan has implemented 27 projects to tackle COVID-19 around the world in cooperation with IOM this year alone.
- At present, in addition to COVID-19, due to prolonged conflicts and climate change, various problems related to migration and displacement are becoming worse than ever in many parts of the world. As the need for assistance to vulnerable populations increases, IOM's role has never been more important. Japan commends IOM for addressing these challenges.
- Japan, as a member of the international community, is ready to respond to the various challenges the world faces regarding migration and will continue to cooperate with IOM. Thank you.