

## *Climate Change: Japan's view on the outcome of COP17*

*"Great advance towards the establishment of a new international framework"*

### 1. Japan's message in COP17

Japan attended COP17 with the aim of reaching an agreement on a clear pathway towards the ultimate goal: "expeditious adoption of a new, single and comprehensive legal document which will establish a fair and effective international framework in which all major economies participate". During COP17, Japan contributed to the progress of the discussions by making constructive proposals such as the establishment of a new working group.

Environment Minister Hosono explained, in his statement at the High Level Segment, that the Japanese Government and people will continue to make utmost efforts on climate change issues in spite of the national crisis arising from the Great East Japan Earthquake. Furthermore, it announced "Japan's Vision and Actions towards Low-Carbon Growth and a Climate-Resilient World" (Appendix 1) and proposed "African Green Growth Strategy – Towards Low Carbon Growth and Climate Resilient development (Draft Elements)" (Appendix 2) as one of its initiatives to tackle climate change. Japan also explained that it will continue to disburse US\$ 15 billion in Fast-start Finance pledged up to 2012.

### 2. Japan's evaluation of the outcome of COP17

Japan welcomes the series of decisions adopted at COP17. This meeting has brought about significant outcome in that a pathway to the establishment of a new legal framework in which all economies participate is now identified. In particular, Japan welcomes the establishment of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform, which was based on the proposal made by Japan.

Concerning the operationalization of the Cancun Agreements, concrete results were achieved such as in the basic architecture of the Green Climate Fund and the formulation of guidelines of measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) for countries' emission reduction measures.

Japan remains committed to make utmost efforts to combat global warming.