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Addendum

The following communication, received on 21 June 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Japan.

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1. Japan would like to provide the following information regarding the provision of SPS-related technical assistance from Japanese fiscal year 2015 in response to the Secretariat's request in G/SPS/W/101.
 2. SPS-related technical assistance from Japan has been provided to developing countries in accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures with a primary aim to facilitate the enhancement and implementation of sanitary and phytosanitary measures in developing countries based on sound science.
 3. The attached table shows Japan's SPS-related technical assistance from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. The total value of the SPS-related technical assistance provided by Japan for the period amounted to approximately 670 million Japanese yen. The accumulated amount of Japanese assistance since 1 April 2009 is approximately 5.1 billion Japanese yen.
 4. The number of programmes provided by Japan since 1 April 2009 has amounted to 58 and assistance has been provided to more than 50 countries in Asia, the Pacific region, Central America, South America, Central Asia, and Africa. Technical assistance has been directed not only to individual countries but also to groups of countries, regions and the whole world.
 5. Japan's overseas aid programme is managed primarily by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). JICA was established as an Incorporated Administrative Agency under the Act of the Incorporated Administrative Agency. The Government of Japan as well has implemented SPS-related technical assistance for the Asia and Pacific region through Official Development Assistance (ODA).
 6. Japan's assistance covered all four broad categories listed in G/SPS/GEN/206: information; training; "soft" infrastructure development and "hard" infrastructure development. Japan's assistance covered most of the "typical areas of competence" listed under the headings of food safety, animal health and plant protection, in the Annex of G/SPS/GEN/206.
 7. Japan has also been contributing to development aid as a donor country to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) since 2009.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY JAPAN TO MEMBERS, OBSERVERS
AND OTHER COUNTRIES
IN FY2015 (APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 2016)**

Sector	Description of Programme (Date)	Form of Assistance	Provided to
Food Safety, Animal Health and Plant Health	<p>Project of general support for SPS-related measures and transboundary animal disease measures in Asia</p> <p>1. Contribution to FAO on SPS-related technical assistance for ASEAN developing countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dispatch of 2 experts (RAP and IPPC Secretariat) - Workshops, training courses and information exchange meetings on international standards (2015-2019) <p>2. Contribution to OIE on SPS-related technical assistance for Asian developing countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of roadmap for controlling transboundary diseases such as FMD in the Asian region - Promotion of disease surveillance - Workshop on FMD (2015-2019) 	Training and Soft infrastructure (ODA project)	Asian developing countries (ASEAN Countries)
Food Safety, Animal Health and Plant Health	Contribution to STDF on SPS-related technical assistance for developing countries (2009-2015)	Training and Soft infrastructure (ODA project)	Global
Food Safety	<p>The project for Strengthening of Agricultural Pesticide Residue Analysis System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dispatch of experts - Training (13 Nov. 2011–12 Nov. 2016) 	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Ethiopia
Food Safety	<p>Project of Strengthening and consolidation of production and use of improved sesame seeds for small-scale farmers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dispatch of experts - Training (17 Dec. 2012–16 Dec. 2016) 	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Paraguay
Food Safety	Project for reinforcement of sesame production (Mar. 2014–Sep. 2019)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Burkina Faso
Food Safety	<p>Seminar for Food Safety Policy Making and Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training - Study tour (9 Nov. 2015-20 Nov. 2015) 	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Algeria, Azerbaijan, China, Egypt, Kosovo, Philippines, Serbia, Thailand

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Food Safety	Food Safety Administration - Training - Study tour (4 Oct. 2015-31 Oct. 2015)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Armenia, Burkina Faso, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Palau
Food Safety	EPP Strengthening Food Import Control Activities -Training -Study Tour (14-27 Feb. 2016)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA scheme)	Malaysia
Food Safety	Strengthening the Capacity of the Quality Control Company limited on Pesticide Residue Analysis(PRA) - Dispatch of experts - Training - Provision of equipment (15 Feb. 2014-31 Mar. 2017)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Ghana
Food Safety	Hygiene and Quality Management for Animal Source Foods - Training course for seven people (16 Feb. 2015-22 May.2015)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Afghanistan, Cuba, Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Uganda
Food Safety	Seminar for Food Safety Policy Making and Management (8 Nov. 2015-21 Nov. 2015)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA Project)	Global
Food Safety	The Project for Master Plan on inspection of quality and safety on milk and daily products (10 Aug. 2015-30 Sep. 2016)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA Project)	Kyrgyz Republic
Animal health	OIE/JTF Project for Controlling Zoonosis in Asia under One Health Concept 1. One Health and Veterinary Services To prevent and control Zoonosis under One Health approach - Expert meeting and workshop To strengthen capacity of Veterinary Services - Training courses co-organised with OIE Reference Centres 2. Good Governance To strengthen good governance of Veterinary Services and animal welfare - Regional seminar (2013-2017)	Training and Soft Infrastructure (ODA project)	Developing Countries in Asia Pacific region
Animal Health	Project on Capacity Development of Animal Health Laboratory - Dispatch of experts - Study tour - Training - Provision of equipment (17 Jul. 2011-16 Jul. 2015)	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Indonesia

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Animal Health	The Project on Sustainable Livestock Development for Rural Sindh - Dispatch of experts - Provision of equipment - Training (15 Jan. 2014-15 Jan. 2019)	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Pakistan
Animal Health	Preparatory Survey for the Project for Improvement of Equipment for Foot-and-Mouth Disease Control - Dispatch of experts - Provision of equipment (10 Apr. 2014-30 Oct. 2015)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Myanmar
Animal Health	The Project for Epidemiological Studies on Animal Protozoan Diseases in Mongolia and Development of Effective Diagnostics Measures - Dispatch of experts - Provision of equipment - Training (1 Jun. 2014-31 May 2019)	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Mongolia
Plant Health	Project of Fermentation technology for experimental production of biocontrol agents - Dispatch of experts - Provision of equipment (1 Aug. 2013-31 Jul. 2015)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Argentina