



## **ADB OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific**

Combating Corruption In the New Millennium

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### **FORMAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTION PLAN FOR ASIA-PACIFIC (Tokyo, 30 November 2001)**

#### **JAPAN**

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I have already taken the liberty to explain the Japanese Government's position concerning the Action Plan and regional corporation so I shall be brief in expressing my Government's position here.

On behalf of the Government of Japan, we endorse the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia Pacific developed by countries from the region with the co-ordinated support of ADB and OECD. By looking ahead, we have our own agenda and one of the items, which we will implement, is the •Unfair Competition Prevention Law. As a matter of fact, the parliamentary representatives passed the revised legislation of the Unfair Competition Prevention Law last June and, as of today, though I have not confirmed it yet, the Government ordinance to implement this revised legislation is supposed to take place. We are already taking new actions on this subject.

As for public transparency issues, we will make all efforts to explain what should be done.

Lastly, I would like to point out the different issues for public surveillance and also for the transparency in the government from bridging the distance with the Asia Pacific region. The Government of Japan is fully committed to improving the situation in this region. In the context of OECD, at the initiation stage, they have addressed the issue of this division of the Asia Pacific region. The Government of Japan is pleased to co-operate with OECD and possibly with ADB for improving the situation in this region for the months to come.

Thank you very much.