



### **Congratulatory message to the UNIDO 50th anniversary**

It is our great pleasure to congratulate the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on its 50th anniversary. Japan highly values UNIDO's key role in implementing the 2030 agenda and appreciates the Organization's policy engagement in promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID). Furthermore, we respect its role in promoting the concept of human security in both management of the Organization and implementation of projects, and in networking recipient countries and private sector in donor countries for technology transfer and cooperation.

UNIDO and Japan have been closely cooperating through wide range of activities in support of industrial development in developing countries and countries with emerging economies since the inception of the Organization in 1966. We are particularly happy that the cooperation between the Organization and Japanese private sector has been being strengthened through the active role of the UNIDO ITPO Tokyo and "Japan-UNIDO multi-stakeholder cooperation dialogue". As reconfirmed during the visit of Mr. Director-General Li Yong to Japan in May 2016, UNIDO and Japan will continue to cooperate in promoting human security, tackling environment and climate change, and implementing the 2030 agenda, as well as accelerating African development including through Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process.

In the first year of implementing the 2030 agenda, Japan, as its largest donor, remains a strong supporter of UNIDO and continues to have a constructive partnership with the Organization for its fulfillment of the mandate of ISID and the realization of a world "leaving no-one behind".

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Organization the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Kishi', written in a cursive style.

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