



Individual Implementing Strategy of Japan

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1. National Goal (for next 10 years)

1-1 To strengthen national PVP system with a reliable and solid Plant breeders' right (PBR)

to support various types of breeders' breeding activities and their investment with a view to promotion of innovation and Japan's values

1-2 To promote harmonization and cooperation of PVP system regionally/internationally

to improve the protection of PBR in the third countries in order to provide breeders effective and efficient PVP system as well as to enhance Japan's innovation

Objectives with analysis of challenges

● Challenges

- **Lack of awareness** around importance of the protection and utilization of the IP rights
- **Overseas' outflow** of new varieties developed in Japan
- **Stagnation in number of application** for PBR in Japan
 - may result in reduce innovation of Japanese agriculture new breeding technology
- **Insufficient public private partnership in breeding activities to produce new varieties**
 - to adapt to a changing environment, i.e., new needs of farmers, growers and consumers, adaption to climate change, new breeding technology

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Objectives with analysis of challenges

● National relations objectives

- **To raise awareness of IPs** and facilitate application of PBR abroad
- **To review the PVP & Seed Act**
 - **prevent outflow of varieties without consent of breeders**
Examine control of distribution of seeds (2018-2019)
 - **improve PVP system** to enforce efficiently
Clarify scope of PBR, Examine effective system for DUS testing and variety description (2018-2020)
 - **review optional exemption to PBR**
Explore expansion of scope of PBR to farm-saved seed

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Objectives with analysis of challenges

● International relations objectives

- **To support establishment of PVP laws** in line with the UPOV 1991 Act in Asian countries **under the 10-YSP of the EAPVP Forum**
- **To support capacity building** and to contribute to **building a regional harmonized mechanism under the 10-YSP**
launch pilot project under the EAPVPF's 10-YSP with the assistance of the UPOV Office and UPOV members
- **To strengthen bilateral cooperation with partners** for harmonization both regionally and globally
- **To promote cooperation of examination** to avoid repeated DUS testing

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