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INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF JAPAN

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1. National goal (2018 to 2027)

1-1. To strengthen PVP system to promote various types of plant breeding activities

1-2. To promote harmonization and cooperation of PVP system internationally for breeders to exercise their PBR effectively

1-3. To facilitate process for the EAPVP Forum members to establish PVP system in line with the UPOV Convention towards achieving all Forum member's membership of UPOV by 2027

2. Objectives with analysis of challenges (for next 3 years)

2-1. Challenges

2-1-1 Lack of awareness around importance of the protection and utilization of the PVR

2-1-2 Unintended outflow of plant varieties developed in Japan to overseas that cause production, selling, marketing abroad without authorization or consent of breeders, which may undermine competitiveness and may lose overseas markets

2-1-3 Stagnation in number of applications for PBR in Japan

2-1-4 Promote partnership between public and private sector to develop new plant varieties adapting to changing environment, i.e., needs of farmers, growers and consumers, adaption to climate change, and development of new breeding technology

2-2. Objectives

2020

National relations:

2-2-1 To raise awareness of PBR and facilitate application of PBR abroad to protect new plant varieties

2-2-2 To review the Plant Variety Protection and Seed Act and its regulations with a view to providing PBR holders with legal measures to exercise their rights effectively. (The deliberation of the bill to amend the Plant Variety Protection and Seed Act have started in November 2020.)

2-2-3 To improve administrative procedure for filing applications for PBR in internationally harmonized manner with user-friendly tools including MAFF Electronic Application System for Plant Variety Protection (EASPVP)

International relations:

2-2-4 Under the EAPVP's 10-Year Strategic Plan;

- To encourage and support establishment of PVP laws in line with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention in Asian countries in collaboration with the UPOV and other authorities for economic development in the region and proper investment by the Japanese seed industry
- To support capacity building for implementation of internationally harmonized PVP system
- To facilitate the EAPVP Pilot Project to establish a PVP Platform for further harmonization and cooperation of application and examination procedures in collaboration with the UPOV and other authorities

2-2-5 To strengthen bilateral cooperation with partner countries/organizations for mutual supports and further harmonization to achieve reliable and robust PVP system

2-2-6 To promote cooperation in DUS examination between Japan and UPOV members to reduce time and resources for both breeders and PVP authorities.

2021 and 2022

2-2-7 To facilitate the EAPVP Pilot Project under the EAPVPF's 10-YSP in collaboration with the UPOV and other authorities

2-2-8 To increase mutual exchange DUS test report among UPOV member countries

3. Planned activities and Road map (for next 3 years)

3-1 Conduct comprehensive topics with a view to addressing issues provided in 2-2

3-2 Streamline application and examination proceedings, including enhanced use of domestic electronic application system (2020-2022)

3-3 Expand bilateral/regional cooperation activities to improve and harmonize PVP system in Asian region (2020-2022)

Note: The above-mentioned road map may be revised reflecting situation surrounding PVP system.

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