

High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership at COP26
Global Climate Action High-Level Event

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Thank you, chairperson.

Japan would like to congratulate all ambitious activities by the high-level champion and non-Party stakeholders across the world under the Marrakech Partnership, demonstrating the clear pathway toward the Net Zero world.

I also would like to highlight the vital roles that subnational governments could perform in realizing a zero-carbon society, as they can formulate and implement a sector-wide and locally-designed plan.

In the case of Japan, the national government formulated a comprehensive roadmap for pushing local communities to achieve net-zero by 2050. We plan to support more than 100 leading areas in mobilizing to draw out their decarbonization efforts one after another. We call it the “decarbonization domino effect”. So far, almost 500 municipalities covering around 90% of Japan's population have declared to aim Zero Carbon Cities.

Japan's efforts will go beyond our borders, to accelerate the “domino effect” globally.

We held the first “Zero Carbon City International Forum” with collaboration on UNFCCC. Around 40 National and local governments, as well as international organizations, shared their

ambitious actions and good practices. We will convene the 2nd Forum early next year in cooperation with the United States, under the “Global Subnational Zero Carbon Promotion Initiative” which was launched yesterday.

Madam chair. Japan has been closely working with High-level Champion to accelerate local actions. Japan commits to make best efforts to develop multilevel actions and accelerate domino effects around the world to realize decarbonized society.

Thank you for your kind attention.