

**UPR of Singapore – Statement of Japan**

**27 January 2016**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Singapore to this session.

Japan commends Singapore for its response to recommendations from the previous review in the form of various measures, including those to:

- provide financial support for lower-income citizens;
- improve education and healthcare;
- promote the rights of persons with disabilities;
- improve the working environments of foreign workers;
- and respond to the challenges of its ageing society.

Japan welcomes Singapore's ratification of the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)*, and its signing of the *International Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)*.

Japan **recommends** that Singapore promptly carry out the necessary procedures for ratification of the core human rights treaties including the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)* and the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)*.

Japan also **recommends** that Singapore take appropriate measures to ease restrictions on freedom of expression and freedom of the media.

I thank you Mr. President.