Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Philippines to this session.

Japan appreciates the positive steps taken by the Philippines since the previous review cycle.

We welcome the on-going implementation of the Philippines-US Joint Program for Human Rights. We commend the enactment of the Act Punishing Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children, Penalizing the Production, Distribution, Possession and Access of Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials and the Act Prohibiting the Practice of Child Marriage and Imposing Penalties for Violations Thereof. We hope that these measures will be properly implemented and contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights in the Philippines.

Japan would like to make the following two recommendations:

・1) Develop a National Action Plan in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; and

・2) Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances.

We wish the delegation of the Philippines every success in the review.

I thank you.