

# THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY JAPAN

## ARTICLE 10 UNCAC

### PUBLIC REPORTING

#### JAPAN (SEVENTH MEETING)

In relation to public reporting (article 10),

- Make available online, including in open data formats, government information relating to the implementation of the Convention, in order to foster greater transparency, accountability and efficiency;

Since the Open Government Data Strategy was launched in 2012, the Government of Japan, mainly the National Strategy Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Cabinet Secretariat has consistently worked on promoting open data policy through its initiatives such as releasing data catalog site called “DATA.GO.JP” (<http://www.data.go.jp/>) and making the Government Standard Terms of Use compatible with CC-BY in 2016.

As a result, ministries and agencies have already registered over 16,000 data sets on the data catalog site, and the population coverage of open data has reached over 80%.

Against a backdrop of steady progress on open data as cited above, Japan has given attention to the potential of open data for solving social issues through public-private partnership. Since 2015, Japan has improved a number of machine-readable file format data set, dispatched “Open Data Evangelist” to local governments, and compiled and transmitted a collection of use cases of open data called “Open Data 100” to promote further utilization of open data through its built-in function in problem solution. We are also planning to make government’s data publically available and to promote disclosure of data obtained by the private sector in an open data format, and to promote integrated utilization of these data while targeting areas of social issues that need to be addressed urgently.

- Promote the use of online platforms or portals to enhance transparency in public administration, including information on the organization, functioning and decision-making processes of the public administration and on decisions and legal acts.

The Government of Japan has established a portal website of Japan's Government called "e-Gov" (<http://www.e-gov.go.jp/>). Through this website, we provide administrative information including Search of Laws.

Public Comment Procedure is also available on “e-Gov”.

- Description of the types of information to be made available upon request by a member of the public (i.e. legislation on freedom of information or access to information);

In Act on Access to Information Held by Administrative Organs, it’s prescribed that the head of an Administrative Organ received Disclosure Request to Administrative Document shall disclose it to the Disclosure Requester unless any of the Non-Disclosure Information listed in Article 5 is recorded in. (The term

"Administrative Document" as used in this Act shall mean a document, picture, and electromagnetic record, that, having been prepared or obtained by an employee of an administrative organ in the course of his or her duties, is held by the administrative organ concerned for organizational use by its employees.)

- Standards to protect privacy and personal data in the disclosure of such information;  
In Article 5(i) of Act on Access to Information Held by Administrative Organs, "information concerning an individual" as Non-Disclosure Information are prescribed.

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**JAPAN (SIXTH MEETING)**

In relation to public reporting, States parties and signatories may wish to cite and describe measures that

- Put in place a system of transparency for the public administration including obligation to proactively publish information on the risks of corruption;
- Provide for members of the public to have the right and opportunity to access information on the organization, functioning and decision-making processes of the public administration, as well as their decisions and legal acts;

APA stipulates that Organs Establishing Administrative Orders, etc., when establishing Administrative Orders, etc., shall publicly notify in advance the proposed Administrative Orders, etc., and any materials relating to the proposed Administrative Orders, etc. (Art. 39).

Any person may request the disclosure of Administrative Documents held by the Administrative Organ, pursuant to the provision of Article 3 of the Act on Access to Information Held by Administrative Organs. When there is a Disclosure Request, unless any of the Non-Disclosure Information listed in Article 5 is recorded in the Administrative Documents, the head of an Administrative Organ shall disclose said Administrative Documents to the Disclosure Requester.