The outline of the results of Internet Governance Forum KYOTO 2023 and the outline of Global Digital Compact

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The outline of the results of IGF Kyoto 2023

- Date: October 8~12, 2023
- Participants: 11,145 registered, 6,279 on-site participants (178 countries and regions)
- Main theme: 「The Internet We Want - Empowering All People」
  Sub-themes: ① AI and Emerging Technologies  ② Avoiding Internet Fragmentation  ③ Cybersecurity, Cybercrime, and Online Safety  ④ Data Governance and Trust  ⑤ Digital Divides and Inclusion  ⑥ Global Digital Governance and Cooperation  ⑦ Human Rights and Freedoms  ⑧ Sustainability and Environment

<Main programs>

- **Opening Ceremony**
  Opening Remarks by Prime Minister Kishida
  Video message from Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

- **High-level leaders session Artificial Intelligence**
  Panelists from governments, private sectors, and other multi-stakeholder groups, including non-G7 countries, expressed their support and expectations for the Hiroshima AI process.

- **Closing Ceremony**
  Closing remarks by Vice Minister Watanabe
  Video message from Mr. Lee, Deputy Secretary General of the National Electoral Commission, and a video created by Saudi Arabia, the host country for IGF2024
Throughout the IGF, an exhibition of Internet-related companies and organizations (IGF Village) was held in the Event Hall of the Kyoto International Conference Center. Seventy-two companies and organizations from around the world exhibited, and the majority of IGF local participants visited the exhibition hall.

<Main exhibitions>

- ICT related companies: Remote Robotics, Metaverse, HAPS, Agricultural IoT, Security, Submarine Cable
- AI related companies: AI Chip
- Content-related companies: Manga Piracy Prevention, PlayStation
- Traditional culture-related companies: Introduction of traditional culture through 3D archiving and metaverse of cultural assets, etc.
Main impressions of Japanese multi-stakeholder:

• I strongly felt that the IGF is a platform for dialogue, not decision-making.
• The IGF's raison d'être may be as a forum for mediating the recent conflicts between engineers and society.
• I felt that the multi-stakeholder discussions at the IGF played a significant role as a forum for "laying the groundwork" and "soil formation" for consensus building, and also as a forum for stating and listening to "public comments. I think the role played by the IGF in international discussions is significant.
• I think the challenge for some sectors and countries is the lack of careful preparation and participation with regard to the IGF.
The outline of Global Digital Compact

**GDC**
- February – March: Informal consultations
- the end of March: circulate the zero draft
- April – May: Zero-Draft Discussion

**Future Pact**
- February: circulate the zero draft
- Late February~: Zero-Draft Discussion
- around summer: Overall summary?

**Sep. 22 & 23**
- the Summit of the Future

**<Points of Importance to Japan>**
- Regarding **digital connectivity**, infrastructure cooperation to bridge the digital divide.
- On an **inclusive, open, secure and shared Internet**, working with global multi-stakeholders on maintaining a free and open Internet and strengthening the IGF.
- Regarding **digital reliability and security**, he proposed Japan's efforts to combat illegal and harmful information and false information.
- Regarding **AI governance**, it is important to maintain and promote interoperable AI governance, as well as the Hiroshima AI process.