Japan's approach to the strengthening effectiveness and enhancing efficiency of Safeguards

I <u>Support to the IAEA Secretariat's efforts(SLA etc.)</u>

- Japan commends the Secretariat's efforts with respect to updating and implementing the State-level approaches (SLAs).
- Japan welcomes the findings of improvement in the optimization of relevant processes within the Secretariat, such as more <u>structured and focused</u> <u>collection of safeguards relevant information</u>, <u>strengthened knowledge</u> <u>management</u>, and <u>standardized SLA development processes</u>.
- Japan supports these efforts as necessary steps toward achieving further effectiveness and efficiency of the IAEA safeguards.

I <u>Outreach</u>

- Japan encourages other countries to conclude Additional Protocols (AP) of the IAEA safeguards by providing personnel and financial support for the IAEA's regional seminars, as well as through other fora.
 - Support to the IAEA's national workshops aimed at promoting the conclusion of AP in **Sudan and Ethiopia in April 2017**.
 - Support to "Seminar on Additional Protocol and Commodity Identification Training in <u>Thailand</u>" (January) and "Seminar on Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy, Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Nuclear Security in <u>Laos</u>" (February) in 2018 co-organized by JAEA/ISCN and local authorities.
- Actively participating Asia Pacific Safeguards Network (APSN) (Japan Served Chair and hosted Plenary Meetings of APSN in 2016 and 2017).