

2 Item 3 Vitalizing innovative and digital financing strategies in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

With regard to thematic bonds, the Bank of Japan will carry out climate change related operations targeting green bonds. The Bank will expand its investment in green bonds as part of a joint effort among Asian central banks to promote the region's bond market.

Regarding the digitalization of the public sector, I would like share Japan's latest undertakings. As the COVID pandemic has highlighted the necessity of digitalization of our society, the Digital Agency was established on September 1 this year to contribute to reforming the culture of administration in a user-driven manner through digitalization.

As concrete initiatives of the digitalization of the public sector, the Government of Japan launched in 2018 the GIGA School Program to ensure "One device for one student with a high-speed network in schools," which brings optimized and creative learning to all students. In the medical sphere, there are on-going efforts to promote online diagnosis.