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Weather Ready for a Secured and Sustainable Pacific

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Agenda Item 24.4: Japan's Contribution to NMHSs in the Pacific

Purpose:

1. To provide update on JMA and JICA cooperation in support of Pacific NMHSs
2. To share lessons learned from Japan's cooperation in the Pacific and explore opportunities for stronger regional collaboration

Background:

1. Japan has been providing assistance to the Pacific region since the 1970s. Its support has covered a wide range of areas, including the reception and utilization of data from the Himawari satellites, the establishment of RSMC Nadi Tropical Cyclone Centre, regional training programs across various sectors, and the implementation of numerous technical cooperation projects.
2. Recently, Japan has been supporting the upgrading of Himawari receiving/processing systems, as well as the establishment of a Regional Training Center and a Regional Instrument Center. In addition, to strengthen Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, and Multi-Hazard Early Warnings (Risk Assessment, EQ and Tsunami, Volcano, Information Dissemination), Japan has been providing support in Fiji and this activity is intended to be expanded to the Pacific region.

Recommendations:

The Meeting is invited to:

- I. Note Japan's continued support for the Pacific through implementation/upgrading of Himawari-iCast systems and strengthened satellite data analysis capabilities.
 - II. Note Japan's support for developing regional hubs, including RTC and RIC, contributing to WRP and EW4All.
 - III. Note Japan's contribution to strengthening MHEWS in the Pacific.
 - IV. Recognize that long-term sustainability requires close coordination between NMHSs, development partners and regional frameworks, supported by feasible business plans and sustained resources.
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