

Japan's comments (question) on
Policy Recommendations on AGROECOLOGICAL AND OTHER
INNOVATIVE APPROACHES FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS
THAT ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION<ZERO DRAFT>

- ◆ Include following comments in Introduction part of the Policy Recommendations;
 - The world's population continues to increase, and is estimated to reach around 10 billion in 2050. Contrary to the growing population, agricultural land peaked in the 1990s and has been declining in a number of countries.
 - Urbanization and industrialization lead to decrease in farm population and impact on diet and production system.
 - Given these changes, to increase farm productivity for realizing sustainable production for dealing with growing populations and starvation is critical in transition toward sustainable food system.
 - To increase productivity, in addition to effort in each country, international cooperation for managing risks such as natural disasters and plant pests/animal diseases which farmers have to face is crucial.
 - Especially, for realizing resilient food system for each country, international cooperation to take appropriate ex-ante and ex-post measures for risks, such as increasing natural disaster caused by climate change, transboundary animal and plant disease arising from expansion of global connectivity and pandemic of Covid 19, is indispensable.
- ◆ Insert following sentence after 14) of "Policy Recommendations *I Lay policy foundations for transforming food systems to ensure sustainability and enhance food security and nutrition through agroecological and other innovative approaches*"
 - Recognize pandemic of covid-19 as a new risk and take necessary policy measures including establishment of stockpiling of food and other transparent systems for ensuring resilient food system under the risk.
- ◆ Is "system-wide assessment frameworks" in 30) means FAO's "The Sustainability Assessment of Food and Agriculture systems(SAFA) Guidelines"?